

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK



April 24-26, 2018

Indiana's Turkey Run State Park offers much in the way of natural history. While walking the trails visitors will see super-sized trees, an abundance of various wildflowers, ancient sandstone slot canyons, and many birds that have migrated back into the area! Other features that are of interest include a long suspension bridge over Sugar Creek, stones that are full of fossils, historic buildings, and a nature interpretive center. Four walks this weekend will allow us to explore most of the park. Lodging will be at the cabins adjacent to the Turkey Run Inn. The on-site restaurant offers buffet and menu options. They have an excellent salad bar.

Tuesday, April 24.....Please arrive at the nature center by 7:30 a.m. You will need to bring your own sack lunch. Since it is a four-hour drive to the park, lunch will be eaten there. After lunch we will cross Sugar Creek using the suspension bridge and do a trail along the river that features sandstone outcrops, giant sycamore trees and large patches of Virginia bluebells. Our walks will be no more than two hours in duration. You will have your evening meal at the inn.

Wednesday, April 25.....After breakfast there will be a morning walk near the inn. This walk features a gorgeous canyon, giant trees, and a log church surrounded by old growth hemlock trees. You will eat lunch at the inn restaurant. Another walk will be offered to a different area in the afternoon. We will explore upstream along Sugar Creek with several side loops. This trail system allows exploration of exposed river gravel beds where fossils can be found. A side trail leads to an undercut in a sandstone cliff. The stream above cascades over the rock face. Later you may eat dinner at the inn, or you can go a few miles down the road with your leaders to a local restaurant. There are a couple of places recommended in the town of Marshall.

Thursday, April 26..... This morning we will do one more walk on the other side of the suspension bridge. We will visit another deep sandstone canyon with giant boulders, and walk among giant trees. Lunch will be at the inn, and then we will head back to the nature center. We should arrive back at the nature center by 5 p.m.

Accommodation: Cabins feature two double beds, flat screen television, coffee maker, hair dryer, towels and linens. Mini refrigerators can be rented for \$10.00 extra per night. Please let us know ahead of time if you want a refrigerator in your room. The main lodge building has a large sitting area with many hand- crafted tables, chairs, couches, and board games available to all guests.

Meals: All meals are at your expense.

Trail Conditions: Trails are rated easy and surfaces are mostly flat. There are places where stairs must be negotiated. A couple of sturdy ladders must be used on one trail. We will take our time going up the stairs.

Wildflowers: This place is second to none when it comes to spring wildflowers. There is a profusion of species such as virginia bluebells, wood poppy, and various trillium.

Trees: There are many giants here at Turkey Run State Park. These include sycamore, black walnut, beech and tulip trees. Hemlocks flourish in the cooler sandstone canyons.

Membership: You must be a member to go on this trip. Membership costs \$40.00 for an individual and \$50.00 for a family.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 must be paid to hold your spot.

Cost: \$ 375.00 /person based on double occupancy.

Final Payment: Your final payment must be made by April 1. A reminder for this will be sent to you.

Cancellation Policy: Every attempt will be made to refund any recoverable costs if you must cancel.

Responsibility: Sarett Nature Center reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to make changes in the itinerary should that become necessary, and is not responsible to any person for expenses, loss of time, money, or happenings resulting from a change of tour scheduling. Sarett Nature Center reserves the right to accept, decline, or retain any person as a member of the tour, and is not responsible for any losses or damages of personal property, injuries, expenses, or damages incurred or claimed by any tour member.

