

# Summer & Fall Events Schedule 2009

Pere Marquette State Park  
13112 Visitor Center Lane  
Grafton, IL 62037  
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**All interpretive programs offered at Pere Marquette State Park are free of charge.**

## **July 4 – Saturday**

Learn how the Native Americans made their dishes at the pottery demonstration. Come see how to shape and mold clay into a bowl or pot that you can take home with you. Meet at the log cabin located next to the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m.

## **July 4 – Saturday**

Nature Fun-N-Games. We will have a water balloon toss, tug-of-war, scavenger hunt, three legged race, fireman's relay and much more! Meet at the playground near the camping area at 11:00 a.m.

## **July 4 – Saturday**

Have you ever wanted to learn about bobcats? Come discover the mysteries of the bobcat with us. Meet at the Visitor Center at 2:00 p.m.

## **July 11 – Saturday**

Join us to learn about the natural history and wildlife of the park as we hike along one of the park's most interesting trails. Wear good shoes and bring binoculars. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. The hike will last about 2 hours.

## **September 12 – Saturday**

Nature Scavenger hunt. Don't miss the fun! If you would like to participate meet at the Visitor Center at 2:00 p.m. Separate list will be available for adults and children.

## **October 3 – Saturday**

Forest Foraging. A talk will be given on wild edible foods found in the park, followed by a hike to identify these surprising plants (which could be the staples of a truly natural diet)! After the hike we will try some of the things we have found. Program begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center and will last until 12:30 p.m. Wear walking shoes and bring your appetite.

## **October 3 – Saturday**

Join us to learn about the natural history and wildlife of the park as we hike along one of the park's most interesting trails. Wear good shoes and bring binoculars. Meet at the Visitor Center at 2:00 p.m. The hike will last about 2 hours.

## **October 17 – Saturday**

Feeling adventurous? Take a 6 mile hike with us and explore some of the parks most interesting trails. We will walk past creeks, 100 year old trees, and stop at two scenic overlooks. Wear good hiking shoes. Bring a snack, a camera, and binoculars. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. We will return approximately at 12:00 p.m.

## **October 17 – Saturday**

Learn how the Native Americans made their dishes at the pottery demonstration. Come see how to shape and mold clay into a bowl or pot that you can take home with you. Meet outside the log cabin located next to the Visitor Center at 2:00 p.m.

**Thursday – October 22  
& Saturday – October 24**

Awesome Autumn. As the season turns cooler and the colors turn warmer come on a scenic drive with us as the forest blazes with a beauty unique to Pere Marquette State Park. Meet at the Visitor Center at 9:30 a.m. There will be a lottery to decide who gets to ride in the van. The others will follow in their vehicles. We will stop for lunch along the way at a restaurant & return back to the Visitor Center at approximately 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 23 & October 30**

Owl Programs! Meet at the visitor center at 7:30 for an indoor program, followed by a night hike to listen for owls. The hike will be about 2 miles long and a portion of it will be uphill. Join us as we roast marshmallows after the hike. Please bring one flashlight per family.

**October 24 – Saturday**

Walk through the colors of fall. Take a nature hike to see the brilliant colors and experience the other wonders of nature first hand. Meet at the Visitor Center at 2:00 p.m. for this 2 mile 2 hour hike. Don't forget your walking shoes and camera.

This is just a sample of the programs we will be offering this year. October is our busiest month and there will be many activities available. Check with us on the web at <http://dnr.state.il.us> or call the Visitor Center at (618)786-3323 ext. 1 for more free events and programs!

We are already planning Bald Eagle Days programs for next winter! Don't forget to check our website or give us a call for reservations beginning November 15<sup>th</sup>.

For Eagle Packages at Pere Marquette Lodge, call (618)786-2331.