

2021



FREE SELF-GUIDED WALKS AND AN EVENT

GATHER A FRIEND OR TWO AND ENJOY!

The 5th annual Indiana County Decathlon
Participate from February to early June

Post a picture on our Facebook Page with
#ICDecathlon2021 to be eligible for our prize drawing

Participate in our Facebook Photo Challenge!

This is the 5th year for the Indiana County Decathlon! We switched it up this year and compiled a great line up of "Self-Guided" Walks for your enjoyment. Most of these walks can be completed any time between February 1 and June 4, 2021. Please take the walks and post images from your day of fun on our Facebook Page (Indiana County Walking Decathlon) by June 4th to be eligible for a raffle for prizes while supplies last! (Don't forget to use #ICDecathlon2021 in your caption!) We would love to walk with you but because of the current social distancing guidance, we are not comfortable gathering everyone together. We miss all of you and look forward to when we can meet again. Until then, gather your own small group and enjoy the walks! TIP: Download the flyers before your adventures!

February

Blue Spruce Park*

Begin: Blue Spruce Park parking lot near entrance

Take the tour that begins near the entrance and follow the directions to see the sights at Blue Spruce Park. There is lots to explore, so your next visit might include one of the many hike options.

March

Indiana Borough Historical Walk

Begin: 9th and Church Street, Indiana PA

Take a tour through downtown of a few highlighted buildings important to Indiana's history.



Blairsville Riverfront Trail

Begin: Blairsville Riverfront Trail at South Water & West Brown Streets in Blairsville PA

Enjoy this scenic trail along the Conemaugh River. The 1.7 mile trail is perfect for hiking and is wheelchair accessible. Thank you to Dan Kelley for capturing the history of the trail for our self-guided tour.

Downtown Indiana Queen Anne House Tour

Begin: 10th and Church Street, Indiana PA

Take Dr. Kevin Patrick's tour of Indiana's Queen Anne houses, as he describes the history of the building style and the lifestyle it reflected.

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or online at ICOPD.org then click the Decathlon logo



see if the tour is for you.

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Watershed Walk

Begin: Water St. & Gabriel Ave.

Explore Marsh Run, Indiana's watershed, and see how water travels through the borough. Learn about stormwater and the special ways in which it is managed.

April

Wood Duck Trail-Hemlock*

Begin: Hemlock Lake Park, 1420 SDA Camp Road, Rossiter PA

Explore the Wood Duck Trail on the western shore of Hemlock Lake in Banks Township. Boots are needed to navigate the trail, as the wet spongy trail is great habitat for the special plants and animals in the area. Enjoy the views of the lake as you navigate the trail. Be sure to download the map and highlights to take along on your walk.

Fittest Quaranteam Event*

Email team videos: April 24th - 30th

Want to participate in the Quaranteam challenge? This event, sponsored by the YMCA and IUP Exercise Science, has you participate in the timed competition of a game/body weight obstacle course for a special prize. To enter, email a video of your team's competition to danielroan@icymca.org. The team with the best time wins. For more information call the YMCA at 724-463-9622. Download guidelines at icopd.org beginning April 5th.

Hoodlebug

Begin: At any new point along the trail

Take a fun-filled journey on the Hoodlebug Trail! This 10 mile trail follows an abandoned branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad built in the 1850's.

Trail of the Year! Trek

Begin: At any new point along the trail

The Ghost Town Trail has been named PA's 2020 Trail of the Year! Celebrate this designation with a walk on the trail. Enjoy the scenic beauty of the area.

May

Indiana Borough Mural Walk

Begin: 580 Philadelphia Street, Indiana PA in the parking lot

Rediscover downtown Indiana through the eyes of artists. This easy walk focuses on the many murals found in Indiana, all within four blocks.

Dragonfly Pond Walk

Begin: Yellow Creek State Park

Explore Dragonfly Pond near the Environmental Learning Center. See the Native Species Garden, enjoy the fish and other wildlife that live in and around the pond, and look for the abundant spring wildflowers. Wear boots as the path around the pond can be wet.

Buttermilk Falls - McFealy Trail

Begin: 570 Valley Brook Road, New Florence PA

Enjoy an easy walk on the McFealy Trail in one of the most beautiful sites in all of Indiana County. Buttermilk Falls was once owned by Fred Rogers' Grandfather. Afterwards, take a vigorous walk to the Falls. It is a difficult walk to the bridge.

Tanoma Wetlands*

Begin: 3900 Rayne Church Road, Tanoma PA

Enjoy a tour of the Tanoma abandoned mine discharge passive treatment system, built by DEP in 1995 to clean the water before entering Crooked Creek. The path along the wetlands gives a view of the different systems here for treating the abandoned mine discharge. Signs along the path assist with understanding the systems' functions.

June

Nature Padooza Day 2021

Sat. June 5, 10am-3pm

Begin: Blue Spruce Park

Join the Children's Advisory Commission for a fun filled, nature exploration day at Blue Spruce Park. There will be outside hiking and biking, live animals, games, fishing, scavenger hunt, and many more outside activities. Join the fun! At 1pm the Indiana County Decathlon committee will draw prizes for Decathlon participants who posted their photos to the Facebook page with #ICDecathlon2021.



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WE HOPE YOU

ENJOY THE TOURS!

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