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UPCOMING EVENTS



Kids' Day At The Canal

Sat., June 22

11 am to 3 pm

Kids will love climbing on the fire truck, ambulance, a semi, and more. Kids can ride the canal boat for FREE, and adult rides are just half price

[More info>](#)

And don't forget...

Canal Days Festival

Sat.-Sun., July 6-7

Don't miss our annual event!

This year marks our 10th

Anniversary of the Interpretive

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1st Annual Kids' Day At The Canal

Saturday, June 22 11am-3pm

Kids Ride Free! Adults Ride For Half Price!

Limit 3 kids per paid adult.

Don't miss a great day at Canal Park, featuring all the usual Canal fun, plus a K9 Cavalcade, safety demos by Uncle Fred (sponsored by Carroll/White REMC), trucks and tractors to climb around on and more!

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Museum opening. Details coming soon.

BIKE AND BOAT RENTAL!



Noble Bikes at the Canal is pleased to offer bikes, kayaks and paddleboats for rent to enhance your fun at Canal Park. Don't miss their tasty concessions, either! Find them at the dock-side ticket booth and bank barn, right here in Canal Park!

Heritage Transportation Fest A Success



Liz Irwin who is one of our organizers of the Canal events sits with her wares in Canal Park's May Transportation Festival.



Families are welcome to fish the canal. The quality of water and number of fish seems to be astounding. We get 3 million gallons of fresh groundwater daily from a pipe directed to us from the Delphi Limestone Company pit.

Pioneer Village Comes Alive In Summertime

Here's a sample of what you'll see on weekends in Canal Park



Our new resident 'cooper' is Peter Cooper who is demonstrating making a wooden bucket as his wife Linda watches. Both of them



Bow crew member Carol Welnitz takes a little break while waiting on the next run of our Boat.



Beverly has a great pride to help all ages understand life as it was in the canal days.

HELP US CREATE THE TOTAL CANAL EXPERIENCE!



Bring history alive by sponsoring an exhibit or interpretive panel.

are involved this spring with planting an herb garden and several historic landscaping plots.



Mike Leunz in costume along the towpath. He acts out the 1850s as a merchant.



Beverly Seese (hands on her hips) has organized a delightful display of 1850s life in a log cabin. This is the Fouts House in Canal Park.

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Resident Blacksmiths take the hammer to the metal.

What's New At Canal Park?



Clay Sledd gets a head start on revamping some of our heavily used Interpretive Museum exhibits. Here is the model that shows how to build an arch with tapered blocks (representing cut stones). The Canal Association will be mounting a campaign for the further improvements to the galleries and exhibits as we celebrate the first 10 years since the grand opening.



Towpath walkers enjoy one of the three new trail-side drinking water spigots. This and several other important additions to restrooms (like converting them from pit toilets) and trails are being made possible with a recent grant awarded by the Wabash Heritage Corridor Commission's grant.



In May our M-W-F crew began disassembly of this rural Burrows area log house. Donor Jim Mullin from Georgia has allowed us to come and take apart this well preserved story and a half building. We intend to restore it and place the building in Canal Park, perhaps starting later this year.



Fifty-six miles away from Canal Park is Leiters Ford, where we found this 1880 depot building in nearly original form. Since it was too far away for the M-W-F crew to drive to and disassemble the structure on half days, we contracted with an Amish crew to take it apart while we arranged to transport the many loads of panels and boards to Delphi. Make sure to visit our Facebook page for additional photos on this and other projects.

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