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Christmas at the Canal
December 7
10 AM - 4 PM

Recap



Out in the back of Canal Park are 3 log cabins that have been added within the past year. This smallest cabin was donated by Denny & Martha Lewis.

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Dec 7th 10 - 4pm
Canal Park Delphi, IN
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As this fall's weather has allowed, the Monday-Wednesday-Friday volunteers are completing this log structure. This one was donated by the Grantham, Israel and Goyer families. A cedar shake shingle roof will protect the single room which will ultimately become an overnight rental unit next to the Canal's popular RV Park. Logs for this cabin are being reused a second time. First reuse was as a lakeside homestead made from the early 1900s Wabash River bridge trestle at Pittsburg. Then logs are being reused again when the 1936 home was disassembled last year and donated to the Canal.



Of the two log buildings shown above, both will only provide basic facilities like a bed, table, and chairs. The user will need to bring their own sleeping bag and food. Water, restrooms/shower and cooking rings are nearby. This is a new enterprise for Canal Association resulting from



Christmas at Canal Park offers fun for all ages!! Come out Saturday December 7 prepared for being inside OR outside. ***Enjoy places to go...people to see...and things to do.***



Inside the spacious Conference Room will be over twenty booths featuring things for kids to do.... Christmas crafts/presents/cookies, etc. for people to buy....and special treats like hot Apple Dumplings ready to eat and enjoy.

many visitors over time suggesting that it would be "neat to stay" in a real log cabin. By Spring check our website for reservation details of this unique rustic rental opportunity
www.wabashanderiecanal.org



An interpretive sign recently posted just outside the two smaller cabins highlights the 1830s era when the longest manmade waterway in the US was being constructed through Delphi.



Another restoration project involved the refitting of logs lost to a Christmas fire last year. Young M-W-F crewmember Chase, working with Larry Batta, is shaping a replacement log for placement in the back wall.



Out in the Pioneer Village beside the upper parking lot are buildings that feature docents performing operations like weaving. This is the Loom House.



Common crafts of the 1850s like the production of barrels, wooden buckets and churns will be ongoing in the Cooper Shop.



M-W-F crew leader Mac Carlisle shapes the opening in the log wall damaged by the potbelly stove's overheated outlet pipe. Metal webbing between the logs becomes "chink" and will hold the "gob" (like hardened mud) to seal the open space.



A special treat is FREE entry to authentically restored 1844 Reed Case House. In addition, FREE entry to the world class Canal Interpretive Museum encourages the participant to follow the pathway through a dozen galleries featuring interactive exhibits from the beginning through the end of the Wabash & Erie Canal (1832-1876).



Resetting the original window after the fire damaged logs in the back wall were replaced make this maintenance job almost complete. The Kuns Cabin came to Canal Park from the rural Flora area in the early 1980s as the first of over a dozen buildings moved to Canal. If you would like to volunteer and work with the MWF crew contact admin@canalcenter.org



This year's Christmas festival might look like this for the hikers that brave the path to the Red Bridge Settlement. The narrated walk starts at 2 pm from the Canal Center and features exploring/interpreting the Settlement's 1850s industrial lime producing facilities.



Some pretty fancy wedding receptions happen in the Canal Center. If you are looking for quality space for a wide variety of uses, book it with Jeanine Scowden at 765-564-2870.

Handmade Apple Dumplings are still available at the Center. The Canal Center is open every day from 1-4 pm. Trails and the Canal Park are open daylight to dusk year around. Museum access will be closed in January and February.



Three log structures have been placed in this area in the last 15 months. The latest (to the left) is ready to have a shake shingle cedar roof installed. All three units will be individually available for overnight rental by visitors wanting to experience life in an earlier era. This area is adjacent to the Canal's Recreational Vehicle Park that will provide restrooms and showers.

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