

Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge Appreciation Day - A World of Waters and Wildlife

Join the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge as they celebrate “A World of Waters and Wildlife” at their annual Refuge Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 28 from 9 am until 2 pm (CT) at Wirth Park in Oakland City, IN.

View and learn about the different kinds of fish, taken from the Patoka Refuge waters, that will be on display in the ORSANCO 2000 gallon fish tank. See a live birds of prey presentation by Talon Trust, and learn about “Archeology in your Community” presented by Rachel Sarkey from the IDNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology. For the history buffs, Preston Richardt will present a program on the Wabash & Erie Canal that will be followed by a bus tour to the canal location on Refuge property. There will also be a bus tour of the Patoka River NWR guided by a Refuge staff member. Information will be available for those wishing to do a self-guided driving tour of the Refuge.

More than 20 organizations are sponsoring booths this year. Come learn about nature, the environment, and conservation. Try your hand at casting a fly rod with members of the Ohio Valley Fly Rod Club. Bring your artifacts for identification. See an active bee hive, raptors, and box turtles. A variety of craft activities will be available for children. Free native bare-root seedlings will be available while supplies last.

Food by the Backyard Boyz BBQ and fish by the Oakland City Eagles Lodge will be available for purchase. The event and parking are free and open to the public. To learn more about the event visit www.patokarefugefriends.org or via Facebook.