

# MCPR NEWSLETTER

July - October | 2020

## Department Update

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On March 17, 2020, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners issued a county wide emergency declaration in response to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19. The emergency declaration called for the closure of all county-owned parks and facilities. Throughout the months of April and May, MCPR's efforts were geared towards developing contingency plans for summer programs, events, and facility operations. As of June 1, all county operated parks, greenways, and recreational facilities (excluding Karst Splash Pad) are now open. Despite having to cancel some of our staple programs, we are excited to be back and looking forward to a summer and fall full of activities. MCPR is taking additional measures during the re-opening phase to ensure the safety of park users including the installation of touchless faucets in park restrooms, hand sanitizer stations in certain park locations, modified shelter rental options, and weekly sanitization of playground equipment. Please see the modified shelter availability chart below. The modified rental times and dates will remain in effect until further notice. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding! A couple important park and program updates:

- Karst Splash Pad is closed for the 2020 season.
- Park drinking fountains are closed until further notice.
- Karst Day Camp is cancelled for the 2020 season.
- Summer and fall athletic programs will continue as scheduled.
- Special events have been cancelled through July. Continue to monitor MCPR website for updates.

## Shelter Rentals

Available for reservation in 2020		
Shelter	Time Slot	Days of the Week
Karst Farm Park - 2	9am – 3pm	Wed, Sat, Sun
Karst Farm Park - 3	9am – 3pm	Wed, Sat, Sun
Karst Farm Park - 6	9am – 3pm	Wed, Sat, Sun
Karst Farm Park - 9A	9am – 3pm	Sat & Wed
Karst Farm Park - 9B	9am – 3pm	Sun
Karst Farm Park - 10	9am – 12pm	Wed, Sat, Sun
Flatwoods Park - 1A	9am – 3pm	Sat & Wed
Flatwoods Park - 1B	9am – 3pm	Sun
Will Detmer Park - 1	9am – 3pm	Wed, Sat, Sun



# Program Update

## **Day Trips**

Though all of our spring and early summer day trips were cancelled, our trips are on schedule for the months of September, October, and November. Included are two trips to French Lick Casino and a trip to the Edinburgh Outlet Mall.

## **Trailblazers**

The Monroe County Trailblazers Kick-Off event was on Saturday, June 20 but it's not too late to register! Trailblazer participants must hike 10 of 12 selected trails before December 31, 2020 in order to earn a brass hiking stick medallion. Program and registration information can be found on our website.

## **Karst Walking Club**

New in 2020, Karst Walking Club is a free program to anyone who wants to enjoy the great outdoors, improve their health, or meet new people. The club meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00am at Karst Farm Park to walk the Cardio Trail.

## **MCPR Soccer Leagues**

With the re-opening of Karst Athletic Complex in late June, MCPR's pick-up and 6 v 6 soccer leagues are able to continue as planned in the summer and fall. Pick-up and 6 v 6 games are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings respectively from 7:00pm – 8:30pm through the end of October. Program and registration information can be found on our website.

## **MCPR Disc Golf League**

New in 2020, MCPR will be hosting a summer disc golf league at Karst Farm Park. Singles and doubles divisions are both available. League play will begin July 13 and will continue through the middle of September. Entry fees and league information is available on the athletics page of our website.

## **Indiana Master Naturalist**

Purdue University – Monroe County Extension & MCPR will be partnering to provide an Indiana Master Naturalist course this fall. Classes will be on Thursday evening from September 10 – November 5. Most class sessions will be virtual with the potential for some in-person field days. More details on course content, class location, and registration to come!

## **Other Athletic Leagues & Tournaments**

The summer and fall field schedule will be busy at the Karst Athletic Complex. Despite having to cancel their spring season, Cutter's Soccer Club will host weekly training sessions from the beginning of July through the end of August and continue with their fall league schedules as planned. Bloomington Lacrosse programs began in late June and will continue through October. In addition to league play, several tournaments remain on schedule in the summer and fall including The Jerry Yeagley Classic, Hoosier Cup, and 3 v. 3 Live Soccer. To view MCPR's Return to Play Guidelines for leagues and tournaments at Karst Athletic Complex, please visit the Athletics page of our website.



## Program Registration

### Summer Disc Golf League

Call for late registration details  
League start date: July 13

### Disc Golf Clinic Series

Registration Deadline: August 21  
Clinic Dates: July 25 & August 22

### French Lick Casino Day Trip

Registration deadline: September 14  
Trip Date: September 15

### Edinburgh Outlet Mall Day Trip

Registration deadline: October 12  
Trip Date: October 13

### Trailblazers

Continual through December 31

### Karst Walking Club

Continual through December 31

## Upcoming Park Events

### Clinic Series; Karst Disc Golf Course

July 25 & August 22, 6pm & 2pm

Chris Baker of Team Westside Discs and Bloomington Disc Golf Club will be providing free clinics on July 25 and August 22. Disc golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate. Clinic participants will meet by hole 1.

### Limestone Kick-Off; Karst Farm Park

October 17, 9am – 1pm

MCPR and the Indiana Limestone Symposium have partnered to provide limestone carving programs at Karst Farm Park. Originally scheduled in the spring, ILS will be hosting a fall kick-off event. Please continue to monitor our website and Facebook for more event details.

### Fall Into Fun; Will-Detmer Park

October 17th, 2pm – 4pm

MCPR & Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District will be partnering to host a fall event at Will-Detmer Park. Food, activities, and pumpkins will all be included! Please continue to monitor our website and Facebook for more event details.

## Did You Know?

The Monroe County Parks and Recreation Foundation, a 501 c(3) not-for-profit organization, exists to support park improvements, recreation programs/events, and youth scholarships. The MCPR Foundation accepts all forms of charitable gifts, including online donations. If you would like to know more about how you can make an impact in the Monroe County Community by enhancing recreational programs and services, contact us! [mcpr@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:mcpr@co.monroe.in.us)



## Volunteer

Interested in serving the Monroe County community? MCPR offers outdoor volunteer programs throughout the year. Our Adopt-a-Greenway and Adopt-a-Flowerbed programs are available to both individuals and groups/organizations. For more information on our programs or if you have a specific volunteer request, please visit the Volunteer page of our website or call our office: 812-349-2800.

## We want to hear from you!

Do you have ideas for our seasonal newsletter? Let us know! Contact us with suggestions: [mcpr@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:mcpr@co.monroe.in.us)



One of four new shade canopies installed at the Sophia Travis Playscape and Splash Pad at Karst Farm Park!

MCPR staff installing banker pads for the Indiana Limestone Symposium at Karst Farm Park. ILS will utilize the area for programming and instructional classes.



Turf consultant, Jeff Hermes, examining grass conditions at Karst Athletic Complex. Jeff is an Agriculture & Natural Resource Specialist for Purdue University – Decatur County Extension. He provides seasonal assessments and recommendations for MCPR's turf management plan.



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