

Cache River Nature Fest



Join us on April 24, 2010

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Rain or Shine!

Cache River Nature Fest will highlight the area's rich natural history, abundant wildlife, and natural areas. Guided hikes and canoe tours will be available throughout the day, in addition to many more exciting activities for all ages at the Henry N. Barkhausen-Cache River Wetlands Center.

Schedule of Events & Outings:

Event Name:	Time:	Location:
Registration and Information	8:00am – 5:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Information, exhibits, displays, live animals, and many more fun activities for all ages.</i>		
*Birding Blitz	12:01am – midnight	*pre-registration required at 618/684-6605
<i>Competition to identify the most bird species within a 24 hour period to raise money for habitat restoration projects.</i>		
Bald Eagle Viewing & Exhibit	9:00 am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Learn about the physical characteristics and behavior of this magnificent bird of prey!</i>		
Cold-blooded Creatures of the Cache	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>An up close look at "LIVE" native snakes, turtles, and frogs of the Cache River Wetlands.</i>		
Birds of Prey Show	1:00pm & 3:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation staff will provide an up close view of owls, hawks, and other bird species.</i>		
Hummingbird Banding	8:00am – 11:00am	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Audubon staff demonstrate methods to capture, band, and collect data on hummingbirds and songbirds.</i>		
Ecological Fitness Fun	9:00am – 4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Test your knowledge of plant & animal life found in the "Cache" through interactive stations, on the Egret Slough Trail.</i>		
Kidz Birding	9:00am-4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Great way for kids to learn how to look for & identify a variety of birds that live in the Cache River Wetlands.</i>		
Heron Pond Nature Hike	10:00am & 1:00pm	Register/depart at Wetlands Center
<i>Hike along the Cache River to a bald cypress swamp, as we learn the identity of spring wildflowers & birds by their songs.</i>		
Kidz Corner	8:00am-4:00pm	Cache River Wetlands Center
<i>Critter Tattoos, Kite Creations, Wildlife Track Bandana Designs and more-all for kids to get "WILD" about Nature!</i>		
"Wild" Tour at Mermet Lake	9:00am & 1:00pm	Register/depart at Wetlands Center
<i>Look for eagles, turkeys, waterfowl & a host of wetland wildlife on a van tour of Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area.</i>		
*Cache River Wetlands Canoe Tour	9:00am, 10:00am, Noon & 1:00pm	*Reservations required; call 618/634-2231
<i>Paddle Buttonland Swamp to view the state champion bald cypress tree, waterfowl, and other unique wetland wildlife.</i>		
Happy "Herping" Hike	11:00am	Register/depart at Wetlands Center
<i>Search nooks and crannies for frogs, turtles and snakes & learn fascinating facts about these critters.</i>		
Wildcat Bluff Diversity Hike	9:00am & 1:00pm	Register/depart at Wetlands Center
<i>Hike on "top of the world" overlooking the Cache River & learn about the diverse habitats within this Illinois Nature Preserve.</i>		
Tupelo Trail/Little Black Slough Swamp Hike	1:00pm	Register/depart at Wetlands Center
<i>Hike through an upland forest along the Tupelo trail & down a small rock outcrop, to the edge of Little Black Slough.</i>		
EVENING SOCIAL	5:00pm-8:00pm	<i>The Gambit</i>
<i>Music, food & fun with live entertainment from 6:00-8:00pm by local bluegrass band 'Old Santa Fe'!</i>		
<i>*NO Cover Charge! Buffet Dinner & Refreshments may be purchased the evening of the social at Connie's at The Gambit.</i>		

All Event Activities are Free to the Public!

More information can be found on this event by visiting:

www.cacherivernaturefest.org

For questions contact: the Cache River Wetlands Center at 618-657-2064
Or Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge at 618-634-2231.

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