

NATURALIST EDUCATION:

NATURAL & CULTURAL HISTORY PROGRAMS

- Preschool classes
- Day camps
- School field trips
- Classroom visits
- Home school programs
- Night hikes
- Hayrides
- Campfires
- Girl & Boy scout activities
- Birthday parties



Cedar Creek watershed study.

** Five naturalists on staff to answer your questions & prepare a special program for your group!*

** \$2-\$3 charge per child or adult*

** Programs at Fox Island & Metea parks*

CANOE & KAYAK:

CEDAR CREEK TRIPS

- Put in at Cook's Landing
- Half-day adventure—take out at Cedarville bridge (1/4 mile from Metea)
- Full-day adventure—take out at Shoaff City Park on the St. Joe River



Earth Adventures canoe ride down one of the many waterways in Allen County.

EARTH ADVENTURES UNLIMITED, INC.

- Canoe Rentals—2 paddles, 2 PFDs**
 - \$35/day (tandem)
- Kayak rentals—coming within the year!
- Shuttle service with advance notice (at least one day)
- Weekly canoe trips
 - Lower rental prices
 - All transportation included
- Phone number: (260) 424-1420
- Website: www.earthadventures.com

**PFD = Personal Flotation Device

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FOX ISLAND
COUNTY PARK

METEA
COUNTY PARK

COOK'S LANDING
COUNTY PARK

PAYTON
COUNTY PARK

Fox Island: (260) 449-3180
Metea: (260) 449-3777
www.allencountyparks.org

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THE OBSERVATORY:

Programs by

- * The Fort
Wayne Astro-
nomical Society

Free programs from April to November

- * No program or
park entry fees

Contact information

- * Chris Highlen
* (260) 744-4623
* Website
* <http://members.aol.com/thefwas>



Observation tower that is very similar to the one at Fox Island park.

BIRD WATCHING:

- * 217 species of birds
- * Bird Observation Building (B.O.B.)
at Fox Island
* Volunteers staff the building at
varying times to answer your
questions
- * Bird watching room located inside
Metea's Nature Center



Female downy woodpecker hanging on a suet basket. You will see this species often at both parks.

THE LAKES:

Picnic Facilities

- * Fox Island—3 shelters
* Capacity = 50 people each
* 2 near the lake
* 1 in the Geogarden (by B.O.B.)
- * Metea Park—1 shelter
* Capacity = 40 people
- * Grills on site for cooking out
- * Campfire pits
* \$15 permit + first bundle of firewood
* \$5 extra per additional bundle of firewood



Summer day camp kids swimming at Metea's lake even though it was cloudy.

Both lakes have swimming beaches

- * No lifeguards on duty

Fishing at both lakes

- * From the shore only
- * \$2/person (+ admission fee)
- * Must have valid Indiana fishing license

Restrooms close to both lakes

- * New permanent facilities at Fox Island
- * Metea Nature Center facilities

Both lakes have playgrounds close to them for the kids to play

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Hiking

- * Fox Island—over 7 miles of trails
- * Metea Park—over 5 miles of trails
* Between north & south parts of park
* North—off Hursh Rd.
* South—off Union Chapel Rd.

Mushroom Hunting

- * Fox Island only—April & May
* \$3/person (+ admission fee)

Soccer fields at Metea

Sledding Hill at Metea

Cross Country Skiing

- * With 4" or more of snow
- * Rentals (includes admission fee)
* Fox Island & Metea
* \$6/hour for adults (12 & over)
* \$5/hour for kids (under 12)
- * Bring your own skis
* Admission fee only

Allen County Parks & Recreation

Fox Island County Park
7324 Yohne Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46809
Phone: (260) 449-3180
Fax: (260) 449-3181

Payton County Park
13928 Dunton Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46845

Metea County Park
8401 Union Chapel Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46845
Phone: (260) 449-3777
Fax: (260) 627-5314

Cook's Landing Park
corner of Shoaff &
Coldwater roads

Or visit us on the web at
www.allencountyparks.org