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**CANAL DAYS: JULY 5!**



Get ready for the grandest festival of the year at Wabash & Erie Canal Park in Delphi! **This Saturday, July 5**, from **10AM-4PM**, you're invited to step back in time and experience Indiana's Canal Era with fun activities for all ages.

Here's a sneak peek at the excitement that awaits:



**Canal Boat Rides:** Take a narrated cruise aboard *The Delphi*, a 54 foot replica canal boat along the only remaining navigable stretch of the

Wabash & Erie Canal in Indiana. Dock departures are on the half-hour, from 10:30 through 3:30. You can purchase tickets online at this link until 5:00PM on Friday. After that point, ticket sales are **in person only**, pending availability.



**Pioneer Village:** If you have wanted to explore the many historic buildings in Canal Park and see historic trades in action, this is your chance! Build and take home a birdhouse, make your own paper, take a free shuttle down to the Railroad Depot, play kids' games and enjoy crafts, and so much more! We will have special guests from the Buckley Homestead in Lowell, Indiana to demonstrate rope-making, and every building will have something to see and do!



**Vendors:** The park will be buzzing with food vendors, craft vendors, and informational booths for fellow historical and cultural organizations. Whether you're looking for ice cream, homemade pies, delicious lunch, or handmade crafts and products, you'll find it at Canal Park this weekend!



**Miami Tribe of Oklahoma:** As part of the new Delphi Bayou exhibits, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma has graciously offered to share cultural initiatives and history at Canal Days! Jared Nally will host a booth where guests can try traditional finger weaving, kids games, and hear the story of the Miami Tribe's removal from Indiana via canal boat.



**Mule Rides:** Come celebrate the long history of mules on the canal by meeting special guests Hedy and Ada, local Percheron mammoth mollies that will be treading the towpath throughout the day. Be sure to get your tickets at the Interpretive Center to hop on the mule-drawn wagon rides for just \$2! Thanks for Laura Frank Hale for the above photograph.



**Live Music:** There will be several chances to hear some beautiful music throughout the festival. Bum Ditty Barn Dance, shown above, will perform from about 12:30-2:30PM next to the Speece Picnic Shelter, highlighting old-time string music on their fiddle and banjo. Also, the Delphi High School Band will be performing patriotic favorites near the Gray Bridge at about noon. Tom Baugues, our amazing organ grinder, will also be playing his music on the towpath near the General Store. And last but not least, Joe Newlin will be playing pump organ classics in the Reed Case House throughout the day.

**Reed Case House and Interactive Museum:** Of course, you can pick up tickets to tour the historic, restored Reed Case House and the hands-on Wabash & Erie Canal Museum. While you're in the museum,

be sure to check out our array of new merchandise and try your hand at the different games and activities. In the Reed Case House, step back in time and experience urban luxury in true 1850s style.

We have to give all credit to our incredible sponsors, Duke Energy and the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission. Without their support, we wouldn't be able to provide such an extensive lineup of attractions and activities.

There are so many fun activities on the way for you and the whole family at Canal Days 2025. None of this would be possible without the incredible volunteers who bring the park to life throughout Canal Season and beyond!

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**We Need Your Help!**

## **Bring a Gator to Canal Park!**

Recently, Canal Park's trusty golf cart was knocked out of commission for some weeks. We are looking to add a workhorse vehicle so our volunteers and staff can adequately care for the many acres of trails and historic space here in Delphi!

**Chip in Today!**

For all those who have already contributed, a huge **thank you** is due! This beautiful park was built by the generosity and consideration of hundreds of people throughout the decades, and we can't wait to see what the future will bring. We still have a long way to go to reach the \$8,000 needed to get the needed vehicle, but thankfully we have enlisted some expert volunteer helpers to find something at an optimum price to stretch every dollar to the max.

Having a Gator would be an immense blessing as we handle the many needs that arise while stewarding miles of trails and acres of publicly accessible park area. This spring brought an abnormal amount of storms and wind, and it has been quite a challenge with limited tools to address the fallen trees and limbs. If you are able to support this initiative in any amount, it would be very much appreciated! You can click the red button above, or you can [visit our donations page anytime](#). If you're able to support with a personal check, please make it to Wabash & Erie Canal Park, and write "Gator" in the memo line.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

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## Need More Canal History?

The **Canal Society of Indiana** is an amazing resource for all things related to the stories of Indiana's canals. On their website, you can explore historic canal routes laid over modern maps, you can read numerous biographies, and you can browse a wealth of research materials that are top-notch and engaging! Click the button below to visit, and be sure to sign up for a membership!

Canal Society of Indiana Homepage

## Camp at the Canal

Enjoy a peaceful getaway while also getting hands-on with Indiana history! We have options for all camping needs, including rustic cabins if you would rather not bring your own shelter!

Winter camping is available for self-contained RV's, or you can book your future adventure today!

[Reserve Now](#)

## Plan an Event with Us!

You can hold your wedding, birthday celebration, corporate meeting, or family reunion in the beautiful reception hall at the Canal Center in Delphi! We offer a variety of options to custom-fit your needs, and we can accommodate events up to 300 guests. Click below to get started with your event!

[Book Now](#)

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## Volunteer with Us

Join a group of incredible people doing amazing things! There is a place for you, whatever your skills and interests might be.

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