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CANAL SEASON WRAPS UP

Don't miss the boat! Canal Season runs every Saturday afternoon 1-4PM through September 13, and you've only got a few more chances to get the full Canal Park experience before we switch gears for school tours this fall.



Each Saturday, the canal boat departs the dock at 1:30 and 2:30, plus the Pioneer Village is buzzing with activities and trades demonstrations. You can also visit the interactive Wabash & Erie Canal museum or the beautiful Reed Case House, or even take a stroll along

miles of scenic trails. The possibilities are endless, but Canal Season definitely has an end date, and it's almost here! [You can find more information on our website's Visit page.](#) We hope to see you soon in Delphi!

LET'S CELEBRATE A WONDERFUL
CANAL SEASON WITH A

Volunteer and Staff Picnic

Saturday, September 13

4:00pm onward

Canal Park, Delphi
Speece Picnic Shelter



CALLING ALL CANAL VOLUNTEERS: When Canal Season wraps up September 13, stick around for an appreciation picnic! Stacks Barbeque will be providing the main dish, and volunteers are invited to bring a side, fruit, or dessert. This event is free to join for all volunteers, staff, and their families. If you have any questions, reply to this email.

Delphi Bayou Treasures



Dr. Christopher Moore, professor of anthropology at the University of Indianapolis, has been hard at work with archaeological surveys of the Wabash & Erie Canal and nearby sites. As part of the incoming Delphi Bayou exhibits, Dr. Moore completed a thorough survey of the land on which the exhibits will be built. This month, he dropped off the artifacts that were unearthed during his team's work, and we are excited to incorporate them into the fascinating history of this area.

As an added bonus, Dr. Moore was recently featured on Journey Indiana, and you don't want to miss the fascinating segment that details his projects! The entire episode can be viewed at this link, and Dr. Moore's segment begins at about the 20:05 mark.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Moore will be our featured program speaker at the annual meeting of Carroll County Wabash & Erie Canal, Inc. on October 21, so you won't want to miss hearing him talk about his findings!

News from the Archives



One of the key aspects of Wabash & Erie Canal Park is its Archives Department. Among other things, we are a museum and we pride ourselves on our collection of documents, research materials, and artifacts that relate to Wabash & Erie Canal history. The Archives Committee recently met to evaluate items donated over the past few months, and it was a delight to examine and discuss all sorts of new (to us) items. Summer intern EmmaRose Milburn did a fantastic job preparing these items and fine-tuning the database. We were excited to take in a treasure trove of books, pamphlets, photos, and periodicals

from Neil and Diana Sowards, who generously shared their collection so that future canal scholars can find a wealth of information in a single location!

If you are interested in donating historic or educational items, you can find the information to get you started [on our website's Archives page](#).

Back to School



As we head into fall, you won't want to miss the exciting slate of historic trades classes available at Wabash & Erie Canal Park! You can learn a variety of skills, including dyeing, wool felting, weaving, and more. We are grateful for the exceptional and generous instructors who make these classes fun and accessible.

Above, you can see a sample of the wool felted snowmen you can make on September 20 with Karen Bradshaw, but [you can browse the entire selection on our website at your leisure.](#) We hope to see you

soon for some hands-on learning that involves taking home your creations!

Hooray for Camp Tecumseh!

We wish to extend an enthusiastic **thank you** to YMCA Camp Tecumseh for sending groups of CILTs (Campers In Leadership Training) to Canal Park this summer. Thanks to their incredible energy and help, we were able to move a log cabin, clear miles of trails, and continue to develop the Delphi Bayou exhibits. We love seeing the impact of volunteers of all ages, especially knowing the community will benefit from their selfless efforts!

Two Seasons

From Allen County Historian Tom Castaldi's series, "Canal Notes"

Even though the old Wabash & Erie Canal closed for business in the winter season, it possessed a unique spirit of giving. Throughout Indiana, winter brought low temperatures freezing free movement of water within the forty-foot width from towpath to berm bank. Each year the change of seasons transformed the canal into a solid sheet of

shimmering ice, perfect for horse drawn sleigh travel through a winter wonderland. Surely it was a joy for all who were accustomed to slow, rough cart and wagon rides. Ice skaters too could enjoy smooth surfaces for the fulfillment of their sport. An old illustration by Wils Berry depicts a frozen Eel River at Logansport providing an ice skaters' haven beneath the aqueduct on the Eel. Overhead a span of the frozen water-filled aqueduct trunk is graced with long icicles hanging low. Such scenes were no doubt repeated under the aqueduct at St. Mary's River in Fort Wayne or on the wide turn basin at Delphi or the landing at Huntington.

In Lafayette, blocks of ice were cut and removed from a place called Wide Water. Ice was stored under straw in warehouses for use in summer because no one had anything like a refrigerator. Farmers welcomed its opening as the canal provided customers for the crops and livestock. Merchants were happy when the spring season thaw brought canal boats with goods from the east. Everyone could look forward to the news stories of the world brought in by packet boat passengers and their discarded newspapers.

Winter and summer seasons limited the advantages of a canal, unlike the railroads that operated year round. As Indiana's resources were opened up to the world, transportation systems were needed that had no season. Finally, open season was declared on the canal as rails and highways forced it out of existence for all time.

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!

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!

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Plan an Event with Us!

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