

Program Locations:

☐ St. Patrick's 50651 Laurel Road South Bend, IN 46637

☐ Ferrettie/Baugo Creek 57057 Ash Road Osceola, IN 46561

X Bendix Woods 32132 State Road 2 New Carlisle, IN 46552 Thank you for your interest in the leisure programs offered by St. Joseph County Parks! To make a program reservation, please follow the instructions below.

After you have thoroughly read the Leisure Program Agreement, please sign, initial and date the highlighted areas on both pages of the contract.

- 1. Return the Leisure Program Agreement, Waiver of Liability relating to COVID-19, along with payment or call 574-654-3155 to use your credit/debit card for payment.
- 2. Payment for the total amount of your program fee, is due upon receipt of this letter.
- 3. Please make checks (or money orders) payable to <u>St. Joseph</u> County Parks Department.
- Mail or bring payment to:
 Bendix Woods County Park

 56960 Timothy Road
 New Carlisle, IN 46552

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to guarantee your reservation until we have received payment.

More information about the leisure program you are interested in has been provided in the following information packet. We hope you find the information helpful and ask that you share the information with the others in your group. Please call 574-654-3155, if you have any questions.

We hope that you have a wonderful outing. Let us know how we can help! Sincerely,

St. Joseph County Park Staff

Hayride Frequently Asked Questions

What are the options for hayrides?

Tractor-drawn hayrides are offered in two-hour timeslots in late September through October. Evening hayrides are available Wed. – Sun. from 1-3 pm, 3:30-5:30 pm, 6-8 pm and 8:30-10:30 pm. The fee for an evening hayride is \$120 for up to 80 participants and a campfire is included. Morning hayrides are available Wed. – Fri. for a two-hour timeslot beginning at 9 am, 9:30 am or 10 am. The fee for a morning hayride \$75 for up to 80 participants. Adult groups with a morning hayride may request a campfire for an additional \$35 (must make campfire request at time of reservation). All hayrides include nearby restrooms, a tractor, two hay wagons and a driver for two hours. (**Shelter usage is not included with a hayride.)**, although a shelter may be rented for an additional fee.

If we have a campfire, do we build our own fire?

No. For safety reasons and limited firewood availability, the park ranger on duty will build and maintain your fire. Please keep a watchful eye on all children near the fire.

What are the rules for hayrides?

Smoking is not allowed. Do not stand or sit on railing of wagon while in motion. No food or drinks in the wagons. Do not throw straw out of the wagons. Do not exceed wagon capacity. Until further notice wagon capacity will be at 50% to help maintain social distancing.

May we bring food and drinks?

Yes, but keep in mind that food and drinks are not allowed in the hay wagons, and glass containers are not allowed in the park. Many groups enjoy roasting marshmallows and hotdogs (<u>please, bring your own</u> <u>roasting sticks</u>) around the campfire, and drinking hot chocolate and apple cider.

How many people may ride at once?

Two wagons are towed behind the tractor. The hayride group can determine how many trips they want the driver to take within the two-hour time slot. If your group has more than the maximum of 80 participants permitted, you must reserve an additional hayride timeslot in order to accommodate all participants. Wagon capacity will be limited to 50% (approximately 10-15 per wagon) to help maintain social distancing and masks are highly recommended.

What time may we arrive and leave?

Since we book hayrides back to back, you may arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled hayride. The hayride site must be clean and evacuated no later than 15 minutes after your scheduled hayride period ends.

What if we want to stay longer or arrive earlier?

You may rent a shelter in advance of your hayride. Shelter rentals are limited and based on availability. If you rent a shelter, the shelter is reserved for your group for the day. You will have access to your shelter during the hours requested for your rental. Your hay wagon will arrive at your shelter at the scheduled time. For more information on shelter rental, or to inquire on availability and cost of a shelter, call (574) 277-4828.

What is the cancellation and refund policy?

Cancellations due to weather are at the discretion of the St. Joseph County Parks staff. We will phone you two hours prior to your hayride to attempt to reschedule if the weather is bad. If it is not possible to reschedule the hayride a complete refund will be issued. If your group cancels following payment, no refunds will be issued.

What do I do with the liability waiver?

The waiver is provided for schools, clubs, churches and other groups where most of the participants are under the age of 18 and they will not have a parent or guardian present. If this applies to your group, please copy the waiver and distribute to the parents or guardians of the participants. You may turn in the signed copies to the supervisor the day of your trip.



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I have read and understand the Park Rules & Shelter Policies (Initials)
A fee of \$30 per hour per staff will be billed if extraordinary clean-up is necessary(Initials)
 Extraordinary clean up includes, but is not limited to, park staff being required to: Clean food and debris from the site utilized by the group (floors, restrooms, tables and surrounding areas); Removal of decorations, tape and signage (using staples, tacks or nails is considered damage to property); Rake up of debris or refuse from around garbage cans and picnic tables; Clean up and disposal of items which violate park rules & policies including: glass, confetti, balloons, cigarette butts, etc.
Note: the fundamental rule on additional charges not being billed are: participants should leave park equipment and facilities in an "as found" condition.
I have read the terms of this Contract, Rules, and Shelter Policies and understand that I am accountable for the behavior and conduct of my participants. I understand the conditions whereby the security deposit when applicable will or will not be returned. I understand it is my responsibility to contact park staff to inspect the equipment and site before I leave the park.
Authorized Signature: Date:
Authorized Representative of: (Company/Agency/Church/Family Group, if applicable)

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO COVID-19

This Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19 is a required addition to the general St. Joseph County Parks Department Special Events Application for the foreseeable future and to any other agreements for rental of Parks Department personal property or participation in Parks Department activities.

I, the undersigned, attest that I am not experiencing any symptoms of illness such as a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, and am unaware of any of the proposed attendees having such symptoms. I am aware that it is advised that my event should follow the safety and hygiene protocols that have been recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and that I am required to follow any safety and hygiene protocols that are required by federal, state, or local authorities.

I acknowledge that I am voluntarily (a) submitting a Special Events Application for permission to hold an event at a property owned by the St. Joseph County Parks Department ("Event Application"); (b) participating in St. Joseph County Parks Department events/activities whether on-site or off-site ("Parks Event"); or (c) requesting to rent St. Joseph County Parks Department personal property ("Property Rental") (collectively, "Parks Department Activities"). In consideration for participation in such Parks Department Activities, I acknowledge and agree as follows:

Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") infections have been confirmed throughout the United States, including throughout the State of Indiana and in St. Joseph County in particular.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-engaging in such Parks Department Activities as applicable, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 during/at such Parks Department Activities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, St. Joseph County Parks Department employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and agents.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself and my minor children, as applicable (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my immediate family may experience or incur in connection with my participation in Parks Department activities, including, for the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, exposure to COVID-19 at any St. Joseph County Parks Department property and any illness, injury or death resulting therefrom ("Claims"). On behalf of myself and immediate family, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the St. Joseph County Parks Department, the St. Joseph County Parks Board, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, the St. Joseph County Council, their officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the St. Joseph County Parks Department, the St. Joseph County Parks Board, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, the St. Joseph County Council, their officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after my participation in Parks Department Activities.

Printed Name		
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