

# 2010 Calednar of Fun Events for Noble County Tourism

## Noble County Open House

What better way to get to know the local area than by visiting the varied attractions and museums during the Noble County Open House on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2.

The Noble County Visitors Bureau is encouraging residents of DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben counties to be a visitor in your own area. All Noble County attractions will be open with free admission for residents of those four surrounding counties.

Come and see what Noble County has to offer close to home.

For a list of attractions or more information, contact the Noble County Visitors Bureau at 877-202-5761, 260-599-0060 or log on at [www.VisitNobleCounty.com](http://www.VisitNobleCounty.com)

## Gene Stratton-Porter Carriage House brunch

Tour Gene Stratton-Porter's beautiful gardens and enjoy a delicious brunch in the Carriage House on Saturday, May 1 at the Gene Stratton-Porter Historic Site in Rome City, IN from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Interpretive cabin and garden tours will be led by the Historic Site staff. Members of the Memorial Society will prepare and serve the brunch.

Cost is \$20 per person and reservations are required.

Call for reserverations or more information at 260-854-3790 or e-mail [genestrattonportershs@dnr.in.gov](mailto:genestrattonportershs@dnr.in.gov)

## Spring Hearthside Dinner

You are invited to join the Stone family for dinner at the Spring Hearthside Dinner on Saturday, May 8 at Stone's Trace Tavern in Ligonier, IN.

Take a step back in time and enjoy an evening of period music and family stories. Menu items featured are representative of authentic dishes prepared in the mid 1800's.

Dinner will be promptly served at 6:00 p.m. Guests should arrive by 5:45 p.m. Limited reservations are available. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Contact Janet Sweeney before April 26 at 260-856-2666 for reservations.

Proceeds from dinner will be used for the preservation of Stone's Trace.

## Mother's Day at Black Pine

Take your mom for a walk on the wild side at Black Pine Animal Park, Albion, IN on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9.

Share the day with her and the rest of the family. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mom's admission is free with another paid guest.

Black Pine is located 35 minutes northwest of Fort Wayne at 1426 W. 300 N., Albion, IN.

For more information, call 260-636-7383 or log on to [www.BlackPineAnimalPark.com](http://www.BlackPineAnimalPark.com)

## Windmill Museum Kite Day

Bring Mom and the rest of the family and go fly a kite at the annual Mother's Day Kite Fly Day on Sunday, May 9 at the Mid-America Windmill Museum, Kendallville, IN.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and includes a tour of the museum. Children 12 and younger are admitted for free.

Food and beverages can be purchased. Picnic areas are avaiable.

Mid-America Windmill Museum is located at 732 S. Allen Chapel Road (CR 1000 E) on the east side of Kendallvile past the fairgrounds.

For more information, call 260-347-2334 or log on at [www.midamericawindmillmuseum.org](http://www.midamericawindmillmuseum.org)

## Bluegrass Festival

Bluegrass returns again to Kendallville for the annual Tri-State Bluegrass Festival on Thursday, May 27 through Sunday, May 30 at the Noble County Fairgrounds, Kendallville, IN.

This year, the midwest's biggest parking lot pickin' festival will feature such groups as Town Mountain, Special Consensus, Spinney Brothers and many more.

For more information, call Jim Winger at 260-918-4790 or log on at [www.BluegrassUSA.net](http://www.BluegrassUSA.net)

## Chain O'Lakes 50th anniversary celebration

50 years and still going strong! Come help the staff at Chain O'Lakes State Park, Albion, IN celebrate this milestone on Saturday, June 12.

There will be lots of activities for young and old including a free Family Fishing Derby.

For more information, call 260-636-2654 or log on at [www.dnr.IN.gov](http://www.dnr.IN.gov)

## Strawberry Daze in Ligonier

Strawberries red, ripe, and delicious are waiting for Strawberry 'Daze' on Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19 in downtown Ligonier, IN.

Activities will include a cruise-in car show on Friday evening. Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. there will be an art festival. Also on Saturday at the Solomon Mier home, visitors will be able to view the Wilkinson Quilt Show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All events will be held in downtown Ligonier from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. There will be plenty of fun and food for both young and old. Live music performed throughout both days.

## New Main Street Art Festival

It's new! It's different! It's an Art Fair! A local Kendallville group has planned a sidewalk Art Fair on Saturday, June 19 on Main Street, Kendallville, IN.

Artists will be performing and selling their art on the sidewalks from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Performances by local bands and area musicians will also be included in the event.

Stroll through downtown and enjoy some great art and music. Food vendors will be available.

## Noble County Fair

Noble County Fair, July 17-24, at the Fairgrounds in Kendallville.

## Celebrate Main Street

Main Street Business Association again sponsors Celebrate Main Street on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24, Kendallville, IN with a variety of activities and events.

Special activities are planned all along the Main Street businesses on Friday and Saturday. Saturday, the main event will be the 5th Annual Car Show and Cruise-In on Main Street.

For more information, call 260-347-3276.

## Black Pine Summer Fest

Join the annual Summer Fest at Black Pine Animal Park, Albion, IN on Saturday, July 31 for this traditional summer celebration.

A fun day with tours, zookeeper talks, and animal encounters, refreshments and much more.

For more information, call 260-636-7383 or log on at [www.BlackPineAnimalPark.com](http://www.BlackPineAnimalPark.com)

## Chautauqua Days in Rome City

Relive the late 1800's by attending the Chautauqua Days festival, Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15 at Gene Stratton-Porter Historic Site, Rome City, IN.

Festival hours are noon to 4 p.m. both day. Admission is \$3 per person.

Chautauquas originally stated as a means of adult education and enlightenment. Today, it is a celebration of Gene Stratton-Porter's life long love of learning and her birthday. Festival activities include cabin tours, live music, cuisine seasoned by garden herbs, children's activities, and a special birthday cake for Gene.

For more information, call 260-854-3790 or email [genestrattonportershs@dnr.in.gov](mailto:genestrattonportershs@dnr.in.gov)

## Ligonier Marshmallow Festival

19th Annual Marshmallow Festival, Ligonier, IN. Friday, September 3, through Monday, September 6.

## **Fall Bluegrass Festival**

It's Labor Day weekend and the music returns again for the Tri-State Bluegrass Festival, Kendallville, IN on Thursday, September 2 through Sunday, September 5.

Once again the Noble County Fairgrounds will be filled with the sounds of fiddles, banjos, guitars from such groups as Freight Hoppers, Tommy Webb, Palmer Divide and the Blue RR Train.

## **Stone's Trace Pioneer Festival**

Take a step back in time to the early pioneer days of Noble County at the annual Stone's Trace Pioneer Festival, Ligonier, IN on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12.

Watch demonstrations of rug and pottery making, listen to the sounds of cloggers and fiddlers, sample ham and beans, apple fritters and cold root beer.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults and children under 12 are free.

## **Albion Harvest Fest**

Come visit the annual Albion Harvest Fest on Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19 at the Noble County Saddle Club Grounds, Albion, IN.

Take a step back in time and enjoy the activities and food of yesteryear. Something for ages from young to seniors. There is a straw maze and saw mill demonstration, crafts and games, and lots of good food.

Admission is free and parking is available across from the grounds. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## **Pumpkin Fantasyland**

The pumpkins come to life during this special time of year at the annual Pumpkin Fantasyland, at Fashion Farm in Ligonier, IN. Throughout the entire month, visitors can marvel at the display.

## **Apple Festival**

It's Apple Festival time in Kendallville, IN. Mark the calendar for Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3 for all things apple.

## **Gene Stratton-Porter Film Fest at Strand**

Let's go to the movies! Gene Stratton-Porter Film Festival is coming to the Strand Theater, Kendallville, IN on Saturday, November 2 from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Eight of Gene Stratton-Porter's novels were made into films. Thanks to film collector and historian Eric Grayson, audiences can now enjoy these classics.

Films included in the festival will be "Laddie" and "A Girl of the Limberlost". Cost is \$10 per person.

## **Rome City Holiday Home Walk**

Annual Christmas Holiday Home Walk opens several private homes in Rome City, IN for visitors to tour.

## **Windmill Museum Winter Wonderland**

Windmill Winter Wonderland again begins the holiday season in style. Friday, December 3 through Sunday, December 5 and again on Friday, December 10 through Sunday, December 12.

Mid-America Windmill Museum, 732 S. Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville, IN. Hours 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## **Holiday Parade in Kendallville**

Kendallville, IN's annual Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. Parade will begin at Harding Street and then proceed downtown on Main Street.

Come greet Santa and start the holiday season in style.