

News Article from Friends of the Panhandle Pathway

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During 2013 season Friends of the Panhandle Pathway (FoPP) would like to share several on the trail programs where one may see the trail beyond the paved straightaway.

Beginning in May, Kim Hoover, Pulaski County licensed wildlife rehab educator will provide a program at various locations along the trail. Each month she will feature one or two of her education wildlife, examples of what you might see or encounter along the Panhandle Pathway.

The FoPP Nature Committee also will provide short monthly programs at various locations along the trail. An example is at 400 S and US 35 where a 3.5 acre right of way is set aside to allow the remnants of the original Midwest Prairie Peninsula be available for many to enjoy. Other programs might include the waterways of the trail, trail trees and their identification, wildlife which utilize the trail, birding, and, the plantings at the trailheads. There may also be some history of the Panhandle Pathway before its use as a rail bed to present day. One program may involve having fun taking photos of the trail and posting them to the Panhandle Pathway Facebook page. Another might include sketching scenes on the trail with assistance from local artists.

There are some great places along the trail to sit and bird watch - alone or with a friend. Since April is the month so many birds migrate through or prepare their nests, our first trail program offered was "Birding & Binoculars on the Bridge". We met Saturday April 27th at 7 AM on the Tippecanoe River Bridge, less than a mile south of the Winamac Trailhead. A Pileated Woodpecker flew overhead as we entered the bridge and a wild turkey flew across our path as we left that morning. Whether a novice or an experienced bird watcher, please spend a few minutes and enjoy watching the birds.

We look forward to sharing these programs along the trail and hope to see you there.