



Calendar of Events

September – December 2009

This is a long range calendar. **Events may be added, some may be cancelled and details may change.**
Please call the monument at (563) 873-3491 or check our website (www.nps.gov/efmo) for more details.

Anniversary Programs

“The Push for a Park” A year-long celebration of Effigy Mounds National Monument’s 60th anniversary and the determined efforts that culminated in the designation of Iowa’s first national park site.

April 6th, 1909, “officially” began the 40-year struggle for a national park in Iowa with discussions in the Iowa General Assembly. Such conservation efforts and interest in a national park had strong roots in northeast Iowa during the late 19th century. The efforts finally became reality on October 25, 1949, with President Truman’s Proclamation establishing Effigy Mounds National Monument.

2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the official movement to create a national park in Iowa and the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Effigy Mounds National Monument. Exhibits will feature rare documents from the museum collection highlighting Iowa’s leading national park proponents such as Ellison Orr, and Iowa’s first national park proposal – “Mississippi Valley National Park.” Many of our established annual programs will emphasize aspects of the anniversary.

Special Anniversary dedicated programs are listed below.

Saturday
October 24

Moonlight Hike - “The Push for a Park”

This October hike will highlight Effigy Mounds’ 60th anniversary celebration with characters related to this important event and from the past.

Moonlight Hike reservations are required and will be taken beginning on Monday, October 19, 2009. Call the visitor center for reservations at 563- 873-3491.

Sunday,
October 25

60th Anniversary Celebration – Effigy Mounds National Monument

“Sunday in the Park” - special talks and ranger led hike (to be announced), museum exhibit, birthday cake and refreshments to celebrate the establishment of Effigy Mounds National Monument. Exhibits will feature rare documents of maps from the museum’s Ellison Orr collection.

*** A special pictorial 60th anniversary postmark cancellation station is being planned to commemorate the day. The day of the event will be Sunday, October 25, 2009, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Effigy Mounds National Monument. There will be anniversary exhibits, displays from the museum collection and presentations by the interpretive staff. A ranger-led hike as well as special programs and refreshments will be included as part of the event. Please call the park or check our website for passport confirmation.**

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| September 26 | National Public Lands Day | <u>Fee Free Day</u> The National Park Service will join other agencies for a fee free day in celebration of National Public Lands Day. |
| Oct. 3 | <i>Guided Bird Walk</i> | Departing from the visitor center at 8:00 a.m. |
| October 3- 4 | <i>Annual HawkWatch Weekend</i> | Celebrate the annual fall migration! Enjoy fall foliage with live raptor demonstrations, adult educational programs, children's activities, and hawk banding Programs and activities from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>Please call for specific events.</i> |
| October 1 - 31 | <i>Iowa Archaeology Month</i> | Special programs are scheduled during the annual recognition of Iowa's archeological past. <i>Please call the visitor center at 563- 873-3491 after August 3rd for specific dates and events.</i> |
| October 24 | <i>Moonlight Hike</i> | <i>"The Push for a Park in Iowa"</i> This October hike will highlight Effigy Mounds 60 th anniversary celebration with characters related to this important event and from the past. This popular activity will include walks along the Yellow River Bridge Boardwalk Trail. <i>Moonlight Hike reservations are required and will be taken beginning on the preceding Monday (Oct 19th).</i> <i>Call the visitor center for reservations at 563- 873-3491.</i> |
| Sunday, October 25 | <i>60th Anniversary Celebration "Sunday in the Park"</i> | Celebrate the establishment of Effigy Mounds National Monument with special talks and ranger led hike (to be announced), museum exhibit, birthday cake and refreshments. Exhibits will feature rare documents of maps from the museum's Ellison Orr collection. |
| November | <i>Native American History Month</i> | <i>Every month is Native American History Month at Effigy Mounds National Monument! Visit the park to learn about ancient American Indians and their legacy.</i> |
| December 5 | <i>Holiday Open House</i> | Visitor Center: Refreshments, Bookstore items 10% off. |

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