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## Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial News Release

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### **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial to Host BioBlitz Event**

As part of its observance of its Centennial, the National Park Service has been organizing a series of BioBlitz events at national park system sites across the country. A **BioBlitz** is a short duration event in which teams of scientists, families, students, teachers and park visitors work together to inventory as many species of plants and animals as possible. These events are intended to increase the knowledge of park resources and to engage the public in their discovery.

At Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial the BioBlitz event will take place on Saturday, September 24 from 8:00am to 2:00pm Central time. Professors and graduate students from the University of Louisville will be leading various teams in the inventorying efforts. The public is welcome and encouraged to participate. The teams will be working in two specific areas within the park. These areas comprise elements of the park's cultural landscape design that have been targeted for restoration. Two meadows east of the visitor center were originally intended for use as overflow parking areas in the original design. These meadows were cut off by subsequent park development and have returned to an overgrown state. In accordance with the park's cultural landscape report the park will restore these meadows as open areas. This will not only meet cultural resource management goals, it will also provide an opportunity for the park to implement a pollinator program by providing us with areas where wildflowers can be planted to attract pollinating insects. Preliminary to these efforts, the BioBlitz is intended to give us a clearer picture of the current state of the areas in question and to guide our attempt at attracting pollinators. It will also give us an opportunity to educate participants and the visiting public on how resource management activities – both natural and cultural – are interrelated and complementary to one another.

The BioBlitz event is part of Lincoln Boyhood's observance of National Public Lands Day which is a fee free day at the park. For more information contact Mike Capps at 812-937-4541. Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial is located off of Indiana Highway 162 in Lincoln City, Indiana.

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