

LAGRANGE COUNTY PARKS DECEMBER REPORT

CLOSING

Maple Wood Nature Center is closed for Christmas and New Years, December 23-January 1.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS THURSDAY, DEC 7, 1:00P

LaGrange County Parks welcomes Faire Wynds Entertainers for an afternoon of tradition. A Victorian Christmas will be hosted at Maple Wood Nature Center Thursday, December 7, 1:00 pm. This is a visit to the origins of many things we do today to celebrate Christmas. There will be stories of popular carols, as they are played on the glass harmonica. Even Santa Claus will be introduced in the many forms he has taken throughout the last 150 years. There will also be a recitation of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" also known as The Night Before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARD ART CLASS SATURDAY, DEC 9, 10:00-4:00

Many traditions use items from nature to celebrate Christmas. Even Christmas cards often portray idyllic winter scenes to evoke sentiments for the season. Winter Art Class combines this with another tradition, that of giving something handmade to those close to you, namely a chance to make your own Christmas Cards. Outdoor and country artist, Carl Mosher, will be guiding artists in various techniques as they paint their own Christmas cards.

Christmas Art Class is Saturday, December 9, 10:00-4:00. Supplies are provided. Bring your lunch and your own paints and brushes if you have them. Cost is \$20.00. Register at maplwood@ligtel.com or at the Park Office, 499-6351.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS WEDNESDAY, DEC 13, 8:30A

Breakfast with the Birds is for anyone who is free a Wednesday morning of each month. The program starts with coffee and doughnuts. Then a talk or discussion is offered by the naturalist. Bring your binoculars and enjoy a hike in the woods afterward. Recommended donation is \$1.00.

Traveling

Remember what rain does when the weather gets real cold? It piles up so you can walk on it. Hiking when there is snow is different than when there is none. The deeper the snow, the greater the challenge. This is a quick primer into skis and showshoes. Also, find out how the wild world adapts to travel in the snow.

All programs, unless otherwise noted, are held at Maple Wood Nature Center, 4.5 miles east and one mile south of LaGrange. For more information about programs or the LaGrange County Parks call 260-499-6351, 260-463-4022 or maplwood@ligtel.com.