

## Lafayette-West Lafayette NEW for 2011

### THE BATTLE OF TIPPECANOE 200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

*“The bark was flying from the trees...the Indians had the best powder and bullets as well as the bow and arrow...They fought on until the daylight came, and at the southern end of the battlefield the Indian took his last stand.” (General William Henry Harrison)*

November 7th, 1811, before the dawn- a cold, miserable drizzle falls as restless soldiers, underneath towering oak trees, wait and nervously listen for any sound or movement from the enemy. They have been sent to defend the white settlers in the Indiana Territory from the perceived threat posed by Prophet's Town, which lies a short distance away from the soldiers' encampment. Prophet's Town, composed of members of many different Native tribes organized into a confederacy by Shawnee brothers Tecumseh and Tenskwatawa, or "The Prophet," was begun as an effort to unite tribes into an organized defense against the growing number of white settlers.

The Prophet gives an order to attack just before daybreak on the following day- November 7th, 1811.

The yells of hundreds of warriors spill over the white encampment; resounding gunshots are fired... and so begins the Battle of Tippecanoe.

Two hundred years later, on November 5th-7th, 2011, the men, the history, and the cultures on both sides of the conflict will be remembered at the Battle of Tippecanoe 200th Anniversary Commemoration. In a historic collaboration of museums, historic sites, parks, and not-for-profit organizations, four different entities, The Tippecanoe County Park and Recreation Department, The Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Prophetstown State Park and Historic Prophetstown will provide and incredible educational experience for visitors and participants alike, to honor those who died at the battle so many years ago.

Recreated period military units that documentably fought in the battle will be permitted to camp on the actual battlefield site, in the same locations that their predecessors camped two hundred years ago. Native reenactors will be camping at Historic Prophetstown, in the same general area that Tecumseh's and the Prophet's followers did. Other period reenactors, including civilians, military, and craftspeople, will be allowed to camp on the Tippecanoe Battlefield park grounds and at Historic Prophetstown.

A special showing of some of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association's original watercolors and paintings by artist George Winter will be exhibited at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum beginning in September 2011 and continuing through the end of the year. Winter painted during the early to mid-19th century. He visited the area of the Tippecanoe Battlefield several years after the conflict, and recorded his observations on canvas and paper, as well as in his manuscripts. Further preparations include a refurbishment and upgrading of the Tippecanoe Battlefield museum store.

Prophetstown State Park offers excellent modern camping facilities that overlook a beautiful restored Indiana prairie, with many lovely areas to walk, bike, bird watch, and enjoy the scenery. Historic Prophetstown will be operating in full gear that weekend, with a recreated 1812-era encampment, trollies pulled by Belgian horses wandering through the prairie, and their 1920's farmstead complete with livestock open for everyone's enjoyment. Historic Prophetstown also has an on-site store, where they sell produce, eggs, and meat fresh from their farm.

Participation inquiries are welcomed. To receive a participant registration form or for further information on the event, please contact Martin Conwell at [200th@tippecanoehistory.org](mailto:200th@tippecanoehistory.org), call 765.426.2128, or go to [www.tippecanoehistory.org](http://www.tippecanoehistory.org). All those involved in the planning and coordination of this solemn event take very seriously the responsibility to honor the brave men on both sides of the battle who gave their lives for their respective causes. For the United States, the security of the frontier was essential. For the Native alliance, the importance of the battle is reflected in Tecumseh's own words:

*"Our lives are in the hands of the Great Spirit. We are determined to defend our lands, and if it is his will, we wish to leave our bones upon them."*

### **Grab a Growler at People's Brewing Company**

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Lafayette, IN 47904  
(765) 714-2777  
[peoplesbrew.com](http://peoplesbrew.com)

Opened in late 2009 People's Brewing Company wants to bring back the long history of community and quality regional brewing that Lafayette has been a part of since long before prohibition with the Spring Brewery in 1855; distributing their ales and lagers to the people of Lafayette and the state of Indiana. They offer fresh craft brewed beer, made in small batches, from the single production facility in Lafayette, Indiana. They offer 6 or 7 beers at any one time, including rotating seasonals, for distribution to restaurants, beer bars, and retail stores.

The folks at People's Brewing Company enjoy visiting with guests and helping them learn more about how beer is made and where it comes from. After all, they make beer for the people. They decided the best way to do that was to open up a Taproom where visitors can enjoy free tasting daily. Guests can browse the full selection of People's merchandise and gifts while learning about the art & craft of beer making during a free weekend tour. Bring your friends and buy a growler of fresh beer to take home!

#### **Tasting Room Hours of Operation:**

Wednesday - Friday 2pm - 8pm  
Saturday / Sunday 12pm - 8pm

#### **Brewery Tours:**

Wednesday - Friday by Appt.  
Saturday / Sunday 12pm - 5pm  
Every half hour • Free of charge

### **New Offerings from Wildcat Creek Winery**

Wine lovers will want to be sure to try the newest members of the Wildcat Creek Winery family of wines. In addition to the previous year's wines ranging from the more traditional Lafayette Red, White and Blush to the more unique flavor of Aunt Minnie's Cherry Tree, in 2010 the winery gave us their version of Traminette. Distinctively fresh with fruity aromas and reminiscent of its parent grape Gewürztraminer, Traminette is Indiana's signature wine grape and sure to bring a smile to your face.

New for 2011 will be Wildcat Creek's Steuben wine. This semi-sweet blush made from Northern Indiana grapes has refreshing cranberry notes and is slated to be real crowd pleaser.

Stop in at 3233 E. 200 N. in Lafayette, for a complimentary tasting or tour Monday through Saturday from 11AM-6PM or Sunday from 12PM-5PM. For more information visit [wildcatcreekwinery.com](http://wildcatcreekwinery.com). Cheers!

### **Columbian Park Zoo's NEW IN 2010!**

1915 Scott Street  
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Celebrating its 100th birthday in 2008, the newly renovated zoo welcomes visitors to come and visit the over 190 animals representing 79 different species in their new facilities. This is the second oldest zoo in Indiana and has provided generations of visitors with treasured memories since the opening in 1908.

New Exhibits in 2010:

#### **Australia**

The Australia Area, or Wallaby Walkabout, is sponsored by Tippecanoe Laboratories. The exhibit feature various species from "Down Under" including Bennett's wallabies, New Guinea singing dogs, emus, kookaburras, and Galah cockatoos. Visitors will have an immersion experience as they meander along the pathway through the wallabies' habitat as they hop about.

Columbian Park Zoo currently exhibits seven adult wallabies - two of the females have joeys in their pouches. These joeys should emerge sometime this summer!

#### **North American River Otters**

The North American River Otter exhibit features a trio of otters and an 18,500-gallon pool. Visitors will enjoy watching these playful creatures through the large underwater viewing window. Also included is a clear, acrylic tunnel through which Zoo patrons can crawl and see the otters swim over and under the tube!

#### **Galapagos Tortoise Exhibit**

Friends of Columbian Park Zoo, along with several individual donors, provided the funding for this exciting exhibit. Two giant female tortoises - one of which is over 90 years old - will inhabit the exhibit, which features lava rock similar to rock found on the Galapagos Islands, landscaping, and a small hut to provide shade. Don't miss your opportunity to view this beautiful endangered species!

#### **Giant Tortoise Sculpture**

Sitting just outside the Galapagos tortoise exhibit, this life-size sculpture will become a photo-favorite stop for Zoo visitors! The bronze tortoise was fabricated in Otterbein, Indiana by Rick and Rita Hadley of Moments in Bronze. The beautiful sculpture weighs in at approximately 500 pounds and was sponsored by the Jim Risk Family Foundation.

For additional information visit [lafayette.in.gov/zoo/](http://lafayette.in.gov/zoo/)

## **Wabash and Erie Canal**

1030 N. Washington St.  
Delphi, IN 46923  
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Take a ride back in history at the Wabash & Erie Canal Park in west central Indiana. Enjoy a 35-minute floating trip on The Delphi, in a replica 19th century canal boat. Tour guides share adventures and stories of everyday life as it was 150 years ago on the Wabash & Erie Canal. You'll catch a unique glimpse of life in the era when our young nation's waterways were developed to improve the transportation system and help bring us together. At that time, canal boats carried people and goods across the country more swiftly than they'd been able to travel before.

Discover how people lived and sacrificed to forge history at the hands-on Interpretive Center. Walk or bike on paths once trod by animals that towed the cargo boats up and down the canal. Hear the stories of real people who charted the course of history on guided tours through Pioneer Village.

Saturdays 11 am and 2:00 pm (EST)

Sundays 2:00 pm (EST) *(and throughout the day according to demand)*

\$5 - Adults *(19 and over)*

\$4 - Youths *(up to 18)*

FREE - Children *(lapsitting only)*

ADA access is available. Please call to inquire or ask at the reception desk.

[www.wabashanderiecanal.org](http://www.wabashanderiecanal.org)