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Heritage Trail Interpretive Hike

Have you ever seen trees or other plants in nature and wished you could identify them? Maybe you've wanted to learn how to identify birds? Kosciusko Lakes and Streams is hosting an interpretive hike along the Heritage Trail near Winona Lake on May 4 that can help you do just that.

Luke Hunt, a certified naturalist in Indiana, will be the hiking guide. He is a retired secondary science educator from the Whitko school district and an adjunct faculty member at Grace College.

Nate Bosch, KLAS director, says "Very few people in northern Indiana know as much about our natural resources as Luke. His passion for our local forests, streams, prairies and lakes is contagious."

The hike will be a non-strenuous walk suitable for participants of all ages and fitness levels. Participants should meet at the Heritage Trail parking lot at the end of Boys City Drive in Winona Lake. The hike is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m..

As part of the hike, participants will identify plants and learn about plant medicinal values. Hikers will learn to identify trees and explore how trees spread their seeds. Birds will be identified and their nests will be studied. Other natural features along the Heritage Trail will be noted on the hike as well.

According to Bosch, "This is a unique opportunity to go for a walk in the woods with a local expert and enjoy a spring morning out in nature."

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