

Earth Day 2023 Walk TO White's Woods

April 22, 2023, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



- **START:** WHEREVER YOU ARE! (or drive a little closer, if need be)*
- **WALK:** TO the 12th Street Entrance of the White's Woods Nature Center
- **WHEN:** Plan to arrive between 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- **WHY:** To celebrate Earth Day and the contribution White's Woods makes to our community to help mitigate the impact of climate change!
- **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET THERE?** Celebrate!

The first 100 people who arrive can claim up to two oak seedlings (distributed courtesy of the MILLION TREES PROJECT). Walkers can also claim an Earth Day sticker or bookmark and meet members from Indiana Conservation Groups, including Friends of White's Woods, the Evergreen Conservancy, IUP Sustainability Studies; Federation of Democratic Women of Indiana County (Pollinator Garden), the Indiana County Conservation District, and the Sierra Club. Other valuable community groups, including the Indiana County Humane Society, and IUP Coalition for Christian Outreach are planning to greet walkers as well. There will be music and conversation! More details about the 12th Street *Walk TO White's Woods* will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Important Earth Day 2023 Facts:

The quickest, most cost-efficient, and most effective *natural solution* to addressing climate change and limit atmospheric carbon is to protect the forests that we have! WHITE'S WOODS absorbs 200,000 gallons of stormwater run-off annually, removes 17,010 lbs. of pollutants (sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, etc) annually, helps mediate regional temperatures, now stores 27,688 tons of carbon (which would be released if timbered), and absorbs 1,102 tons of carbon annually. Our community forest helps to protect us!

It is time for us to act together. According to Earth Day organizers:

“This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to **preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must Invest In Our Planet.**

Because a **green** future is a **prosperous** future.

We need to act (boldly), innovate (broadly), and implement (equitably). It's going to take all of us. **All in.** Businesses, governments, and citizens — everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. **A partnership for the planet.**

And while there is still time to solve the climate crisis, time to choose BOTH a prosperous and sustainable future, and time to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children, **time is short.**”

For more information about the global celebration of Earth Day 2023, visit <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/>

For more information about the Earth Day 2023 Walk TO White's Woods, visit friendsofwhiteswoods.org

*Parking is limited at the 12st entrance, though street parking is available nearby.