



# Native American Awareness Month Walk in White's Woods

**Join us for a walk in White Woods with the goal of honoring the heritage of Indigenous America through a discussion of their many contributions to our society and world.**

November, National Native American Heritage Month, offers many opportunities to move past the one-dimensional representations of Native Americans. Stories told about the First People often perpetuate harmful stereotypes and racism. It is important to set the record straight, acknowledge Native Peoples, debunk myths, and show Native Americans as contemporary people with dynamic thriving cultures who have profoundly impacted our current food system. Join us on a Native American Awareness Walk, decolonize your Thanksgiving, and make it an opportunity to go beyond the harmful "pilgrims and Indians" narrative and focus on common values: generosity, gratitude, community, and good food.

Sponsored by IUP's Native American Awareness Council  
And Friends of White's Wood

## Indiana PA

### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this land has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among Indigenous peoples including the Erie, Iroquois, Lenape, Munsee, Osage, Shawnee, and the Susquehannock tribal nations. We acknowledge the painful history of genocide and forced removal from this place, and honor and respect the many diverse Indigenous peoples still connected to this land. This was primarily Osage and Iroquois, who call themselves Haudenosaunee. The Allegany also claimed this territory as their southern hunting lands. Additionally, the Delaware inhabited what is today Indiana County because they were pushed here through violence by the white settlers. Finally, there is the ancient Monongahela culture that is known primarily through archeological record. We join in acknowledging the elders both past and present, as well as future generations of the Native people who are the rightful heirs to this land. We acknowledge that this place was founded upon exclusion and erasures of many Indigenous peoples. This acknowledgment demonstrates our commitment to continuing the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacy of settler colonialism. We acknowledge our responsibility of work for equity, justice, and reparations for Native peoples of this land and all the Americas.

**12:00 TO 1 PM**

**NOV 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT THE 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
ENTRANCE TO WHITE'S  
WOODS**