

# Whoa! It's a BioBlitz on the Lower St. Joe!

A BioBlitz is an event to identify as many different plants and animals in an area as you can. Get your friends or family together for a tri-county adventure to learn more about biodiversity and help scientists and park managers, too!

Take pictures of plants, birds, bugs, fungi, trees, and animals! How many different species can you find?

You don't need to be an expert! iNaturalist (app) will help identify what you find. Take a picture with your smartphone and upload it to the app!

Which county will have the greatest biodiversity? Elkhart? St. Joseph? Berrien?



**When** June 15 through July 15, 2021

**Ages** Any!

**Location(s)** Along the St. Joseph River in parks and natural areas in Berrien County, Elkhart County, and St. Joseph County (IN)

If you live on the St. Joseph River, you can contribute to the project from your yard.

You'll find the most variety of plants and animals (biodiversity) in parks and natural areas that border the river. See a list on the next page for suggestions of some parks to explore.

## How to Participate

**Download** the FREE iNaturalist app on your smartphone

**Create** an account

**Go to** "More" and select "Projects" in the app

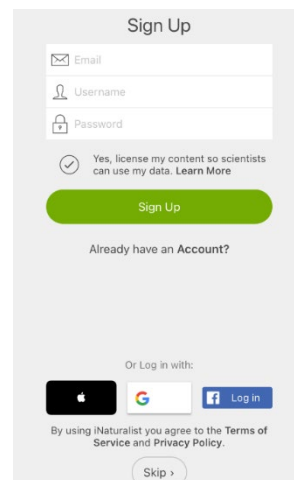
**Tap** the magnifying glass and search for "Celebrate the St Joe BioBlitz"

**Tap** "Join" to participate in the project

**Visit a park or natural area and take pictures** to add your observations to the iNaturalist "Celebrate the St. Joe BioBlitz" project. You can participate in one or as many locations as you like anytime between June 15 through July 15, 2021.

**What to take pictures of:** insects, plants, trees, moss, ferns, flowers, birds, turtles, mushrooms, snakes, fish, frogs or toads... anything living or growing along or near the river!  
(Try to take pictures of living things found naturally in the parks, **not** of pets, or of plants growing in gardens!)

See a list on the next page for suggestions of some parks to explore.



**Berrien County:**

Benton Township Park, Benton Harbor  
Carronde Park, St. Joseph  
Fernwood Botanical Garden, Niles  
Jasper Dairy Road Park and Launch, Berrien Springs  
Madeline Bertrand County Park, Niles  
Riverfront Park, Niles  
Riverview Park, St. Joseph  
St. Joseph River Park, Niles  
Silver Beach County Park, St. Joseph  
Tiscornia Park, Benton Harbor  
Wolfs Prairie Park, Berrien Springs

**St. Joseph County**

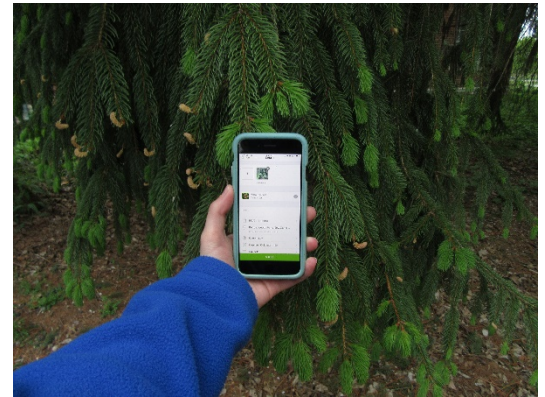
Batell Park, Mishawaka  
Baugo Bay Boat Launch, Osceola  
Beutter Park, Mishawaka  
Central Park, Mishawaka  
Clay Township Park, South Bend  
Crawford Park, Mishawaka  
Darden Rd Boat Launch, South Bend  
Howard Park, South Bend  
Kamm Island Park, Mishawaka  
Keller Park, South Bend  
Kernan Park, South Bend  
Leeper Park, South Bend  
Merrifield Park, Mishawaka  
Mishawaka Riverwalk, Mishawaka  
Monkey Island, Mishawaka  
Riverside Park, South Bend  
Riverside Trail, South Bend

St. Patrick's County Park, South Bend  
Woodlawn Park, South Bend

**Elkhart County**

Congdon Park, Bristol  
Cummins Park/Elkhart County Historical Museum, Bristol  
Edge Water Park, Elkhart  
Lundquist Bicentennial Park, Elkhart  
McNaughton Park, Elkhart  
Pulaski Park, Elkhart  
Island Park/Heritage Trail Island Park, Elkhart  
Six Span Boat Launch, Elkhart  
Tongxiang Park, Elkhart  
Treasure Island County Park, Elkhart

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**#CelebrateTheStJoe**



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