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## **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildlife Weekend Scheduled for Steele Creek Park**

What better way to celebrate a wonderful weekend outdoors during the fall than to spend it with your friends at Steele Creek Park during the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildlife Weekend event. For fourteen years and counting the park has been open to one and all to come learn about what creatures live in the park, what they might eat, how they may be tracked and lots of other interesting information.

Beginning on Friday evening October 14, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the lodge the annual Art and Photography show begins. The show will be featuring local amateur artists and photographers. Awards will be presented to the winners in each area. A reception will follow. An evening program will be presented with Larry McDaniel discussing "Porch Light Insects" at the Steele Creek Amphitheater.

Saturday morning activities begin early at 8:00 A.M. with a bird walk in the park. Rob Biller, Rack Cross and Richard Lewis will be discussing the art of banding birds. Other fun activities will follow such as discussions on "Bugs and Butterflies", a keynote address with Gary Kauffman of the United States Department of Agriculture, a plant walk, discussions on geology and a mushroom foray.

Mike Musick, Recreation Supervisor for Bristol's Parks and Recreation Department said, "There will be ongoing children and adult activities going on all day at the different shelters in the park. Things such as nature crafts, how to build a bird house/ feeder, or how to cast a fossil. Many other topics of interest will be presented by specialists on Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P. M."

All the activities are free, all you need to do is check in at the Steele Creek Lodge in the park. Refreshments will be provided on Friday and Saturday while supplies last.

For more information please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 423-989-5616.

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