

Indiana Frontier Experience is an immersive living history event focused around the early Nineteenth Century in the frontier territory that would become Indiana. Prior to Statehood in 1816, Indiana Territory was a place where settlers could start a new life and was home to a wide array of wealthy entrepreneurs, farmers, frontiersmen, ruffians, and indigenous people. This weekend event shows a glimpse of that incredible and rich past! Indiana Frontier Experience will take place at the Historic John Work House, Mill site, and surrounding property in Charlestown on April 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Take a free tour of the 200-year-old National Register of Historic Places listed, Historic John Work House and enjoy conversing with local historical figures of the past, including Jonathan Jennings, the first governor of Indiana. Explore trails and learn about the trades and skills of the early 19th Century in America. Costumed reenactors will be on hand to interpret life in those times. Be sure to see an early American boxing match, live historical music, and a re-created War of 1812 militia unit as they muster for duty! Visit with frontier settlers as they carve a home in the wilderness, splitting fence rails, cooking, and more! Learn more about what people wore in the Indiana Territory 200 years ago by attending a presentation of historical fashion in America.

There is no admission charge, however, parking is \$10 per car. All the proceeds go toward the restoration and preservation of this incredible historic site!

Historic Tunnel Mill and the Historic John Work House are located at 3709 Tunnel Mill Road in Charlestown.

Find them on Facebook under Historic Tunnel Mill for more information, or go to www.historictunnelmill.org.

Schedule of Events for Indiana Frontier Experience at Historic Tunnel Mill & John Work House, April 25, 26 and 27:

Friday, April 25:

10 a.m. to 5 3 p.m.- Educational Day – Site open to schools and home school families for interactive learning.

Saturday, April 26:

10 a.m.: Opening Colors – 5th Indiana Volunteer Rifles at the Soldiers' Hut

10:30: Cannon Demonstration - At the Soldiers' Hut

11 a.m.: Music by Pfilil Sturgwold at the Distillery

12 noon: Fashion of Early Indiana – A demonstration of period clothing at the Program Tent

1 p.m.: War of 1812 militia exercises and drill – At the Soldiers' Hut

2 p.m.: Music by "The Maid and the Soldier" at the Distillery

3 p.m.: Bare-Knuckle Boxing match in the Boxing Ring

4 p.m.: Closing Colors– 5th Indiana Volunteer Rifles at the Soldiers' Hut

Sunday, April 27:

10 a.m.: Opening Colors – 5th Indiana Volunteer Rifles at the Soldiers' Hut

11 a.m.: Historical Church Service from Rev. Peter Cartwright at the Program Tent.

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