

What is a Murder Mystery Weekend?

Murder Mystery at Pokagon State Park is a weekend getaway for women during which you will join others to write a mystery, set on location in the beautiful, wooded park. On Thursday evening we begin creating the characters who will form a pool of potential sleuths, allies, suspects, murderers and victims. Throughout the retreat we'll draw on past experiences, current imagination and the collective unconscious to build a murder mystery. No experience necessary! Writers and non-writers alike will benefit from the creative energy.

Cost: \$150. For early registration and bring-a-friend discounts, see registration form.

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**Do something fun
and unusual!**

Murder Mystery at Pokagon State Park 2008

A Weekend
for Women

**Thurs., Sept. 25,
7 p.m.
to Sun., Sept. 28,
noon**

Pokagon State Park
in Angola, Indiana



It Was a Dark and Stormy Night . . .

Mysteries are stories in which a professional or amateur detective solves a crime.

Mysteries follow a logical sequence of events, and part of the fun of writing or reading a mystery is tracking clues. The murderer should be introduced prior to the critical showdown with the sleuth. Readers want to be able to guess the identity of the murderer before the writer reveals it in the story.



There are several ways to construct a mystery – and Murder Mystery at Pokagon State Park is unique among them. Between Thursday evening and noon on Sunday, participants will pool personal experiences and creative instincts and then draw from them to create a murder mystery.

By the end participants will be transformed through a shared creation shaped by the experiences and imagination of this group.

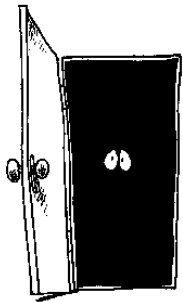
Murder Mystery is **NOT** . . .

. . . playing a part in a canned script at a mystery dinner

. . . a series of formal presentations on how to write a mystery

. . . a type of puzzle or riddle that you are expected to solve

. . . anything you have ever done before



Why Should I Come?

Jump into the fun of mystery!

Immerse yourself in a place of beauty, friendship and creative play.

Using the power of your own imagination, transform old experiences and past relationships into something new.

If you are already engaged in the writing craft through memoirs, mystery or in another genre, this weekend will give you an experience of collaborating on a story you couldn't have created by yourself.

I'm convinced!

How do I to reserve my place?

- Clear your schedule for Sept. 25-28, 2008.
- Fill out a registration form and send it with a check for \$150 made out to Talk Pretty Press to 102 Sheridan Drive, Monroe MI 48162.
- Register early and with a friend to save!
- Call 1-877-7682928 to reserve a room at the Potawatami Inn (or one of the other housing options at Pokagon).
- Explore Pokagon at http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/properties/part_pokagon.html



Mark Your Calendar!

The next Mystery Weekend will be August, 2009 at Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington State.

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