



2016 Spring Schedule

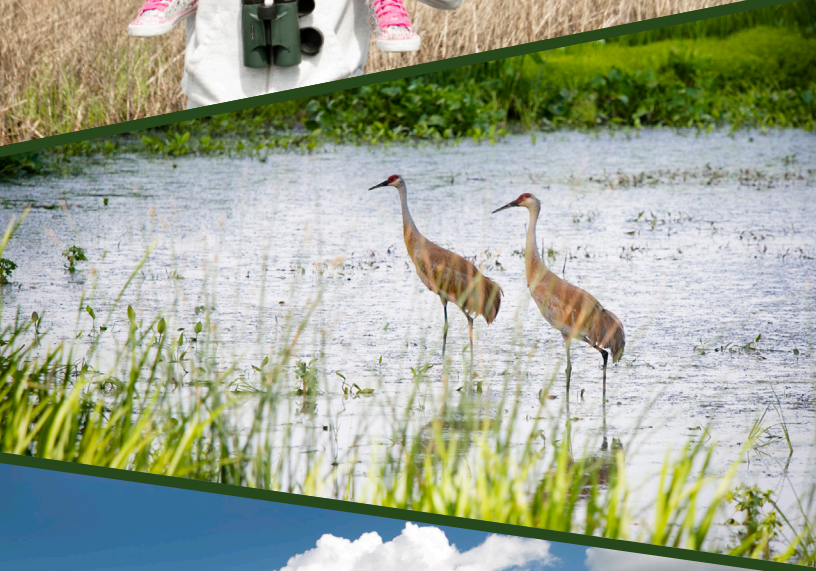




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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you enjoyed the various programs and activities offered by the Forest Preserves this winter. With spring now upon us, we are just getting warmed up for the rest of the year. 2015 is the final year of our centennial celebration and we have a lot planned.



We started with a special board meeting on February 11, exactly one hundred years from first Forest Preserve board meeting in 1915. In attendance were members of the Perkins and Jensen families, the descendants of the founders of the Forest Preserves of Cook County, along with our many partners, stewards and volunteers. We also released our Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan, outlining our conservation goals for the next century.

This spring and summer you can look forward to a number of new improvements throughout the preserves, including the opening of 20 miles of new trail.

We hope to see you throughout 2015 in your Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle
President,
Forest Preserves of Cook County

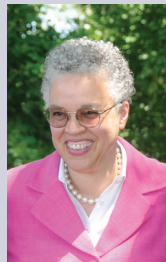


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#birdthepreserves

Look for this icon throughout the brochure to find birding events taking place all over the Forest Preserves. We are competing in the The Big Year, and all Nature Centers are participating in the The Big Sit on Saturday, May 7. Visit fpdcc.com/birding for more info.



MAY IS SHARE THE TRAIL MONTH

Look for our staff and volunteers along the trails with info and giveaways throughout the month of May. And be sure to check out our *Share the Trail* website at fpdcc.com/stt!

Share
the
Trail



Crabtree

NATURE CENTER

APRIL

MAY

Save The Date – Explore the Forest: 100 Years and Growing!

Celebrate the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Climb a tree, touch a fish, check out the restoration equipment, pitch a tent, or try archery! See the many ways to enjoy the forest preserves. Special activities at this Leave No Child Inside Event.
Sunday, June 5 • Noon – 4pm

THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Explore Nature Play!

Build forts and climb a spider web as you explore Crabtree's 3-acre nature play area.

Open Every Day



Timberdoodle Treks

Start inside with a short intro then take a walk to observe the male woodcock spiraling upward in the darkening sky then tumbling down.

Friday, March 18 • 6:30 pm

Friday, April 1 • 6:45 pm

Wee Wanderer Wednesdays

Join us for a special program for little naturalists. *For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. We'll spend some time outdoors if weather permits, so dress accordingly.*

Wednesdays, March 16; April 13;

May 18 • 10 am



Bird Walks

Join the Barrington Natural History Society to look for spring migrants.

Meet in the parking lot.

**Tuesdays, April 19, 26 & May 3, 10
8 am**

MARCH

Under the Ice & Mud

The sleeping critters are starting to stir. Who is waiting to wake up?

Sunday, March 6 • 1 pm

Natural Numbers

Celebrate Pi Day with a look at how mathematics and the natural world are intertwined.

Sunday, March 13 • 1 pm

ART IN NATURE SERIES

Registration required.

Colored Pencil – Multi-Use Medium

Learn to use colored pencils as both a sketching and finishing medium.

Taught by artist Lori Boxer. *Adults only.*

Saturday, March 12 • 10 am

Beginning Plein Air Workshop

Have you been painting inside and want to try outside? Taught by artist Kathy Clouse. *Adults only, bring your own equipment.*

Saturday, April 30 • 8:30 am



Introduction to Pastels

Artist Susan Flanagan will demonstrate the use of soft pastels on paper to create a simple landscape. *Ages teens & up.*

Sunday, May 15 • 1 pm

Signs of Spring

On the first day of the season, take a naturalist-guided walk and search for signs of spring.

Sunday, March 20 • 1 pm

Naturalist's Selection

Learn about an exciting nature-themed topic picked by our naturalist.

Sunday, March 27 • 1 pm



Fabulous Frogs

The most pleasant sound of spring is the call of frogs. Search the wetlands for frogs and identify them by song.

Sunday, April 3 • 1 pm

Ignite the Twilight

Come to the center to learn about our Prescribed Burn program, and witness an evening controlled burn first hand. *Registration required.*

Friday, April 8 (if rain, April 15) • 8 pm

Bare Bones

Have you ever looked closely at animal bones? Bones and skulls can reveal much about the animal.

Sunday, April 10 • 1 pm



Prime Real Estate

See why and how we provide cavity nesting birds with accommodations, then stay to see the tree swallows compete.

Sunday, April 17 • 1 pm

Replacing Ash Trees

Recently lose an ash tree and wondering what to replant? Learn all about some excellent replacement trees that are attractive, sturdy and long-lived. Instructor Kim Ellson, UI Extension. *Registration required.*

Saturday, April 23 • 1 pm

Earth Day, Nature Play

Catch, craft, and climb! Special Earth Day family activities in our 3-acre nature play area.

Sunday, April 24 • Noon – 3 pm



Crabtree Nature Center
 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills
 847-381-6592

Hours (March – October)

Building: 9 am – 5 pm

closed Fridays

Grounds: 8 am – 5 pm daily

Flower Stories

Go for a walk and listen to the stories behind our spring wildflowers.

Sunday, May 1 • 1 pm



The Big Sit & International Migratory Bird Day

Join Forest Preserves staff to observe as many bird species as possible when viewed from a fixed location within a 17-foot circle. You can experience the perils of migration in our Migration Obstacle Course. *See page 21 for more information on The Big Sit.*

Saturday, May 7 • 5:30 am – 5 pm



Flower Walk

Walk the trails with a naturalist to see which of our woodland wildflowers are in bloom.

Sunday, May 8 • 1 pm

Create Stunning Hanging Baskets

Learn the tricks of the trade from UI Extension Instructor Kim Ellson in this hands-on class and take home your own striking hanging basket. \$25 fee, *Register at: <http://bit.ly/1YUrFzX>*

Saturday, May 21 • 1 pm

Sunday Funday

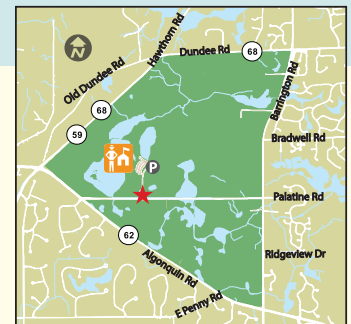
We'll search for crawling, slithering and flying creatures in this activity-packed program! *Dress for the outdoors.*

Sunday, May 22 • 1 pm

Spring Walk with a Naturalist

Stroll the trail and see what's happening along the way.

Sunday, May 29 • 1 pm



Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Mother Nature and Me

Children 3–5 years old and their favorite adult will learn more about nature through a story, nature walk and craft. *Limit 15 children.*

Wednesdays, March 2 (Beavers) & 16 (Foxes); April 6 (Tree Frogs) & 20 (Herons); May 4 (Nests) & 18 (Pond Life) • 10:30 – 11:30 am

Night Sky Programs

Peak at the universe through telescopes; guided by the Chicago Astronomical Society.

**Saturday, April 16 • 7 – 10 pm
Saturday, May 14 • 7:30 – 10:30 pm**

S.E.N.I.O.R.S.

Are you a senior who wants to stay active and remain a lifelong learner? Nature will inspire a different activity each week. *Seniors only.*

**Thursdays, March 10; April 14;
May 12 • 10 – 11 am**

Restoration Work Days

Immerse yourself in the outdoors.

While you engage in restoring wildlife habitat, nature will restore you.

*Individuals and families welcome.
10 yrs & up. Participants 10–14 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult.*
**Saturdays, March 12; April 9; May 14
10 am – Noon**



Animal Afternoons

Many animals call the nature center home. Meet one of these animals during a casual afternoon encounter. **Sundays, March 13; April 10; May 8
1:30 pm**



Morning Bird Walk

Spring migrants are in the air! Take an early morning walk through various habitats in search of birds making their way north. *Dress for the weather. Bring binoculars if you have them.* **Saturdays, April 30; May 7; May 14; May 21 • 7 – 8:30 am**

Chicago Portage – One of two National Historic Sites in Illinois

Join stewardship efforts to care for this historic ground. Groups welcome. *10 yrs & up. Participants 10–14 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult.* **4800 S. Harlem, Lyons, IL.
Saturdays, March 26; April 30;
May 28 • 9 am – Noon**



Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs
708-839-6897

Hours (March – October)
Building: 9 am – 5 pm
closed Fridays
Grounds: 8 am – 5 pm daily

MARCH

Who's Scat Is That?

Doodoo, caca, poopoo, and good old #2. The search is on for signs the animals left behind. *Registration required. Family program. Children ages 9 & up.*
Saturday, March 5 • 10:30 am

Natural Egg Dyeing Made Easy

Dyeing and decorating eggs is a wonderful way to celebrate spring. We will demonstrate how using edible foods will turn your eggs into beautiful creations. *Registration required. Ages 6 & up. Limit 15.*
Saturday, March 19 • 10 – 11:30 am

Salamanders in the Spotlight

Search for salamanders along a night-hike to observe these amazing amphibians migrating to ephemeral wetlands. *Registration Required. Family Program. Limit 25.*
Friday, March 25 • 7 – 8 pm



MAY



The Big Sit

Join Forest Preserves staff to observe as many bird species as possible when viewed from a fixed location within a 17-foot circle. *See page 21 for more information.*
Saturday, May 7 • 5:30 am – 5 pm

Spring Constellation Mythology

Ever wonder what constellations are in the night sky? Their names and mythology will be revealed during an informative discussion. *Registration required. Ages 10+. Limit 25.*
Saturday, May 21 • 1:30 pm

APRIL

Frog Monitoring

Assist a naturalist on three separate evenings as we survey for frogs. *Registration required. Ages 13 & up.*
**Friday, April 1 • 7 – 9 pm
Friday, May 20 • 8 – 10 pm**

Mud Puddles

Let's go on a mud puddle walk! We will explore the trails while we jump in puddles. *Please wear water proof boots. Registration required. Limit 15 children.*
Saturday, April 2 • 10 am

Blooms and Blossoms

Check out the array of wildflowers and learn some trivia, too!
**Saturday, April 16
10:30 am**



Primitive Plants

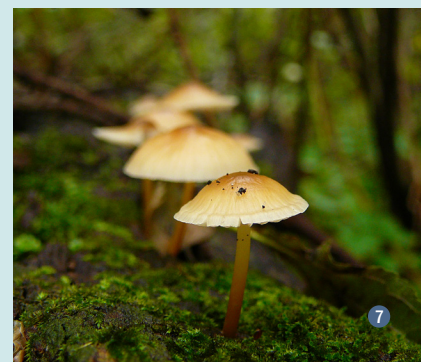
Ferns represent an ancient lineage of plants that once dominated much of the earth's surface. Come learn about them in a short talk followed by a hike. *Registration required. Ages 13 & up. Limit 15.*
Saturday, April 23 • 1:30 pm

Snake Identification Workshop

Learn the differences, similarities, and defining characteristics of the snakes of Cook County. *Registration required. Ages 13 & up. Limit 25.*
Saturday, April 30 • 1 – 2:30 pm

Mycorrhizal Fungi

The habits of fungi go far beyond their role as decomposers. Come learn about these organisms and their importance in the health of woodland ecosystems. *Registration required. Ages 13 & up. Limit 15.*
Saturday, May 28 • 1:30 pm



River Trail

NATURE CENTER



THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

What's On The Menu?

Join us at feeding time to learn about our display animals and their unique habits.

Saturdays and Sundays • 3 pm

MASTER GARDENER SERIES

Monthly Drop-In

Master Gardeners from the University of Illinois Extension present programs one Saturday each month to help you become a better gardener. *Registration preferred, but not required.*

Replacing Ash Trees

Recently lose an ash tree and wondering what to replant? Learn all about some excellent replacement trees that are attractive, sturdy and long-lived.

Saturday, March 12 • 10 am – Noon

Enjoyable Herbs

Explore the smell, taste, beauty and texture of herbs, as we think about planting herbs in our spring garden. Join us for the fun of it.

Saturday, April 16 • 10 am – Noon

Protecting Pollinators

Wanting to start your own bee hive or simply wishing to become a more bee-friendly gardener? Learn what you can do to support our pollinators.

Saturday, May 21 • 10 am – Noon

Small Serendipity

Nature stories, crafts and activities. *For kids ages 3-6 years with an adult.*
**Wednesdays, April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18
10 am**

JUNIOR NATURALISTS

Spring Season

Celebrating our 20th year of Jr. Naturalists, children, ages 7-12, work on independent projects and attend special programs to learn about nature through each of the four seasons. Call or visit for more information. *Registration required. Initial Fee: \$10. Continuing seasons: \$5 each.*

NIGHTLIFE SERIES

Experience a unique, nature-themed program at River Trail in the evening. *Registration required. Cost: \$2/person. 7:15 pm check in, 7:30 pm start.*

Night Hike

Join us for a night hike to learn about nocturnal animals that live at River Trail. Afterwards, stop inside for refreshments. *Register by 4/13.*
Friday, April 15 • 7:30 pm



Bird Tales

An evening of stories, myths and folklore about our feathered friends. *Register by 5/18.*
Friday, May 20 • 7:30 pm

Sap's Rising

Walk in the sugar maple forest as winter comes to an end and learn about the sweet history of maple syrup making.
March 5, 6, 12, 13 & 19 • 1:30 pm

Bucket Bug Hunt

Hike through the sugar bush to find out who has fallen into our sap buckets.
Sunday, March 27 • 1:30 pm

MARCH

44TH ANNUAL MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL



Celebrate the arrival of spring with a special day of activities including: crafts, games, tree tapping and maple syrup history.
Sunday, March 20 • 11 am – 3 pm



APRIL

Frog Frenzy

Can you cut it as a frog? We'll find out as we test your amphibious attributes!
Sunday, April 3 • 1:30 pm

Animal Evidence

Uncover the mystery of local wildlife as we hike the trails to examine the signs, tracks and other clues some animals leave behind.
Sunday, April 10 • 1:30 pm

Geo-caching 101

Learn about and participate in this technology-inspired scavenger hunt. Check out one of our GPS units or bring your own. *Supplies are limited.*
Sunday, April 17 • Anytime from Noon – 2 pm

Wildflower Walk

Bring your budding naturalist for a guided search of our woodland wonders.
Sunday, April 24 • 1:30 pm

MAY



Birding Basics for all ages

Residents are beginning to nest and migrants are passing through by the thousands. Learn the basics in birdwatching. *Limited binoculars available. Registration required by 4/28.*
**Saturday, April 30 • 10 am – Noon
Adults and teens only.**
**Sunday, May 1 • 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Children ages 7 and up.**



The Big Sit

Join Forest Preserves staff to observe as many bird species as possible when viewed from a fixed location within a 17-foot circle. *A limited number of binoculars available. Call to register. See page 21 for more information.*
Saturday, May 7 • 5:30 am – 5 pm



Mother's Day Bird Walk

River Trail is habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, and birds of prairies and forests. Join us for a morning stroll to watch for birds.
Sunday, May 8 • 9:30 am – 11 am

Flowers for Mom

Learn about spring woodland wildflowers on a casual hike.
Sunday, May 8 • 1:30 pm

Jr. Photographers

Discover how to capture the beautiful sights the Forest Preserves have to offer. *Point and shoot cameras will be provided. Novice photographers ages 7-12. Registration required by 5/12.*
Saturday, May 14 • 9:30 am – Noon



Birds of Prey

Learn about the unique characteristics that help our native birds of prey survive. Live raptors will be on display.
Sunday, May 15 • 1:30 pm



Migratory Madness

Find out the what, where, when, why and how of bird migration.
Sunday, May 22 • 1:30 pm



Winged Migration

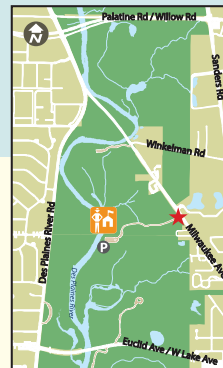
Come watch this award-winning documentary about the incredible migrations of birds.
Saturday, May 28 • 11 am & 1 pm

Capturing Coyotes

Learn about these misunderstood mammals and their important role in nature.
Sunday, May 29 • 1:30 pm

Creature Feature

Stop in and say hello to one of the animals found in our Forest Preserves.
Monday, May 30 • 1:30 pm



River Trail Nature Center

3120 Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook
847-824-8360

Hours (March – October)

Building: 9 am – 5 pm, *closed Fridays*
Grounds: 8 am – 5 pm daily



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Sagawau Environmental Learning Center

THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Canyon Tours

Sagawau Canyon will highlight the geology of Northeastern Illinois. Hike is over rough terrain, and wading through a stream is necessary. *Registration in person or by phone, starts the Monday prior to the program date. No groups. Space is limited*
Saturdays in April; Sundays in May 10 am



Sagawau Bird Hikes

Join a naturalist to observe birds at Sagawau. Learn to identify birds by field marks, behavior, sound and habitat. *Binoculars available for loan.*
Sundays in April; Saturdays in May 7:30 am



Birding in Your Preserves

Some birds are specific to habitat type. Join us as we highlight different habitats by visiting a new preserve each week. *Adults and interested teens. Registration required.*
Wednesdays & Fridays • 10 am

- April 1, 6, 8 (Waterfowl at McGinnis)
- April 13 & 15 (McLaughry Springs)
- April 20 & 22 (Swallow Cliff)
- April 27 & 29 (Paddock Woods)
- May 4 & 6 (Cherry Hill)
- May 18 & 20 (McLaughry Springs)
- May 25 & 27 (Bergman Slough)

MASTER GARDENER SERIES

Illinois Master Gardeners will present the following gardening programs at Sagawau. Adults and interested teens. Registration required.

Prepare Your Garden

Learn how to prepare your garden beds and plan for a successful growing season.
Saturday, March 26 • 1 pm

Native Plant Selection

Master Gardeners will discuss the benefits of native plants and help you make the right choices for your landscape.
Sunday, April 24 • 1 pm

Groundcovers

Learn to add texture and color to your garden by using different types of groundcover.
Saturday, May 28 • 1 pm

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
 12545 W. 111th St., Lemont
 630-257-2045

Hours

Building: 9 am – 4 pm
 Grounds: 8 am – 4 pm

Ski program ends Monday, March 7



MARCH

Signs of Spring

Observe how plants and animals respond to longer days as spring invites birds to sing and plants to bloom.
Saturday, March 19 & Sunday, March 20 • 1 pm

Naturalist Choice

Enjoy a seasonal program selected by the Naturalist.
Sunday, March 27 • 1 pm

APRIL

Native Pollinators: What's the Buzz?

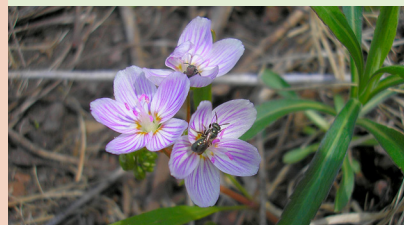
Pollinators have many mutualistic relationships with plants. Learn how to create pollinator-friendly gardens through utilizing practical tips. *Adults and interested teens only. Registration required.*
Sunday, April 3 • 1 pm

Vernal Ponds

These temporary wetlands play an important role for many species. Observe and discuss what happens in these short-lived pools. *Ages 12 & up. Registration required.*
Sunday, April 10 • 1 pm

Wildflowers

Enjoy a hike to observe the first blooms of the year. Learn to identify and appreciate wildflowers as they continue to bloom through the spring. *Ages 12 & up. Registration required.*
Sunday, April 17 & Saturday, May 7 1 pm



MAY



The Big Sit

Join Forest Preserves staff to observe as many bird species as possible when viewed from a fixed location within a 17-foot circle. *See page 21 for more information.*
Saturday, May 7 • 5:30 am – 5 pm

Sagawau's Living Library: The Tallgrass Prairie

Dynamic prairie ecosystems bring something new each month. Come see chapter 1: The Start of the Growing Season. Each month will present a new chapter. *Ages 12 and up. Registration required.*
Saturday, May 21 • 1 pm

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD WEEK

WEEKDAY BIRD HIKES

Catch the migration spirit and join us each day for a guided bird hike at Sagawau.
Monday – Friday, May 9–13 • 7:30 am



All Day Bird Search

The biggest day of the Big Year! Search begins at Sagawau then continues at McLaughry Springs, McGinnis Slough, and finish the day at Orland Grassland. *Registration Required. Adults and interested teens only. Participants will drive their own vehicles. Bring a lunch.*
Wednesday, May 11 • 7:30 am – 2 pm



International Migratory Bird Day

Spread your wings for bird conservation! Spend the day celebrating birds and learn how they continue to serve as indicators of environmental health.
Saturday, May 14 • 8 am – 3 pm

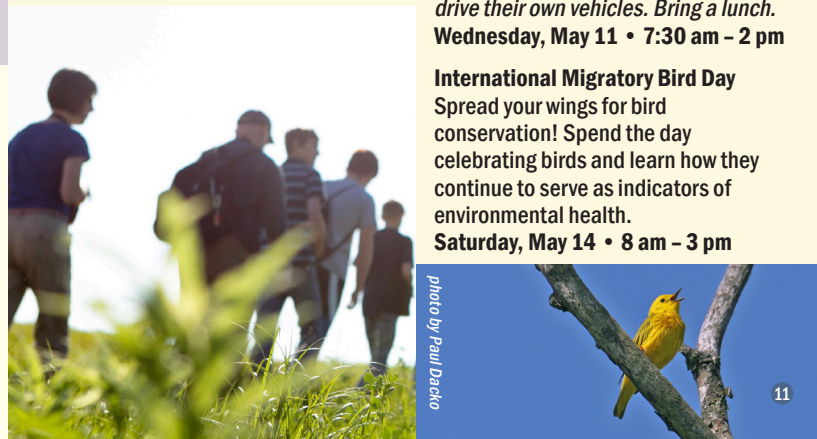


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Sand Ridge

NATURE CENTER



THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Pioneer Living

Have you ever wondered what life was like 200 years ago? Visit our cabins and find out what Illinois' pioneers experienced.

Sundays, March 6; April 3; May 1
1:30 pm

Wee Wonders Series

Children in preschool and kindergarten are invited to their very own nature program. We'll explore a different seasonal subject each month.

Saturdays, March 5 (Otters), April 2 (Bugs), May 7 (Birds of a Feather),
10 am

Live Healthy, Discover Nature! Hike

Join our monthly hiking club. A naturalist will lead a vigorous, two-mile hike on our trails.

Saturdays, March 5; April 2; May 7
1:30 pm

MARCH

The Wonder of Salamanders

What are salamanders? Find out through an interactive presentation. See a live salamander up close. *Ages 12 & up.*

Saturday, March 12 • 1:30 pm

Spring Equinox Hike

Join us as we take a hike on our trails at night just before the first day of spring.

We'll explore nocturnal animals and some of their amazing adaptations!

Register by 03/16.

Friday, March 18 • 7:00 pm



Sand Ridge 101

What can you see and do at Sand Ridge Nature Center? Join a naturalist on a guided tour. Live animal presentation and cabin tour included.

Sundays, March 20; April 17; May 15
1:30 pm



Tuesday Mornings are for the Birds!

Bring your binoculars and enjoy the spring migration. We'll visit Sand Ridge's best birding spots and check out some colorful warblers.

Tuesdays, April 12; April 19; April 26;
May 3; May 10; May 17 • 8 am



Conquer your Fears!

If snakes make you want to slither away or frogs and toads make you jump, this program is for you. Learn about some commonly misunderstood animals and why they are not scary after all. Program includes live animals and a short hike.

Saturday, March 19 • 1:30 pm

A Stroll Through Calumet

Go back in time to when this region was under glaciers; when Sand Ridge was a shoreline; and when settlers arrived. Program includes pioneer cabin tour.

Saturday, March 26 • 1:30 pm

Sand Ridge Nature Center
15891 Paxton, South Holland
708-868-0606

Hours (March – October)
Building: 9 am – 5 pm
closed Fridays
Grounds: 8 am – 5 pm daily

APRIL

Spring Nature Camp

Join us for a three day mini-camp where we will explore the wonders of nature in spring! *For children ages 7-10. Fee: \$15 per child. Register by 3/29.*

Tuesday – Thursday, April 5–7
10 am – Noon

The Astronomer's Night Sky

View planets and deep-sky wonders through a telescope, clear skies permitting. In the event of poor skies, an astronomy lecture and slide show will be presented. *Register by 4/5.*

Friday, April 8 • 7:30 pm

Explore Jurgenson Woods

Discover a piece of Illinois' past on a two-mile naturalist guided hike through Jurgenson Woods. *Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring a water bottle. Meet at the Jurgenson Woods parking lot at 183rd and Cottage Grove in Lansing. Call 708-868-0606 for directions.*

Saturday, April 9 • 1:30 pm

Wildflower Hike

Join us as we take a walk to observe and learn about some of our amazing native spring ephemeral wildflowers that are blooming.

Saturday, April 16 • 1:30 pm

EARTH DAY

Join us for a day set aside as a reminder to be good stewards of our planet every day. Activities include hikes, puppet shows, a craft and Earth Day Jeopardy!

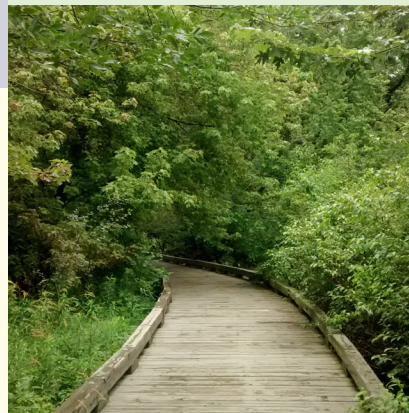
Saturday, April 23 • 10 am – 3 pm



A Trail for all People

Come join a staff naturalist to explore nature along our new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible trail. People of *all* abilities are invited to attend.

Saturday, April 30 • 1:30 pm



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The Big Sit

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viewed from a fixed location within a 17-foot circle. *See page 21 for more information.*

Saturday, May 7 • 5:30 – 5 pm

Mother's Day Hike

Begin your day with a naturalist-guided walk to spy some spring wildflowers and migrating birds. Bring Mom and the family. We have binoculars to loan.

Sunday, May 8 • 9 am



Dusk Bird Hike

Join us as we go on a sunset walk to see what birds we may find at day's

close. *Space is limited. Register by 5/11.*

Friday, May 13 • 7 pm – 8:30 pm

The Sun, Our Nearest Star

View the sun through a filtered telescope with our staff astronomer. Learn amazing facts about our nearest star. *A slide program will be presented in case of poor weather. Register by 5/12.*

Saturday, May 14 • 10 am

Frog Frenzy!

It's pond dip time at Sand Ridge. Come prepared to wade in the pond and dip one of our nets. Will you find a tadpole, adult bullfrog, or something that will surprise you? *Register by 5/19.*

Saturday, May 21 • 1:30 pm

Wetlands of Sand Ridge

Join us as we journey around Sand Ridge to investigate three distinct wetlands: marsh, swamp and ephemeral/vernal. We will take a look at their differences and discuss what wildlife might call each type of wetland home. *Dress for the weather and be prepared for an hour-long hike.*

Sunday, May 22 • 1:30 pm

Powerwalk the Greenway!

Get out and get active with a naturalist by exploring remnant prairies and savannas along the Burnham Greenway Trail. *Meet just outside the Green Lake Aquatics Center building, 1100 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City.*

Saturday, May 28 • 1:30 pm

TRAILSIDE

Museum of Natural History

THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Back From the Brink – Photo Exhibit
Enjoy dramatic photos and the backstories of bird species who have come back from near extinction, by photographer Arlene Koziol. **Everyday.**

Birdhouse Building Contest
Build a creative, functional birdhouse. We'll hang it up at Trailside where visitors will vote on their favorite. *See our website at www.fpdcc.com for full details.*

Entries accepted March 1 – June 1



Morning Bird Walks

Enjoy a casual guided walk to look for birds. All levels welcome. A limited number of binoculars are available to loan. No groups, please.

Fridays, April 1, 15, 29; Saturday, April 9; Friday, May 6 • 9:30 am

“Bone” Appétit

Join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside's outdoor resident animals. *Family program.*

Monday March 7; Saturday March 12, Sunday March 27; Saturdays, April 2, April 16; Monday, May 30 • 1 pm

Nature Story Times

Nature-inspired stories, followed by a craft and snack. *For children ages 3–6 w/adult.*

Thursdays, March 3 & 17; April 7 & 21; May 5 & 19 • 10:30 am

Spring Nature Hikes

Enjoy a guided spring nature hike on our trails in the scenic forest preserves surrounding Trailside Museum. *Family program.*

Tuesdays, March 29, April 26, May 31; Saturday May 14 • 1 pm



MARCH

One Earth Film Festival

Join us at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave. for a free showing of the film *Nature Play*. A discussion and fun activities will follow the film. *For festival details, visit oneearthfilmfest.org.* **Saturday, March 5 • 3 pm**

Designing a Garden for Birds, Butterflies and You

Learn about native plants and design elements to attract desirable animals to your garden. *Adult program. Register by 3/4.*

Sunday, March 6 • 1 pm

How Hard Is Your Shell?

Take a closer look at the interesting eggs of birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects. *Drop-in family program.*

Sunday, March 13 • 1 – 2:30 pm

Herb Gardening

Learn about growing and using herbs that thrive in our area, and mix your own herbal tea blend to take home. *Adults and teens; materials fee \$1/ person; registration required by 3/17.*

Saturday, March 19 • 1 pm



Turkey Vulture – Bird of the Month

Welcome back these migrating birds to our area, meet our own resident vulture and learn about these fascinating but gross birds. *Family program.*

Sunday, March 20 • 1 pm

Biking in the Forest Preserves

Get maps, learn about new trails and the biking adventures that await you. In addition, Barnard's Schwinn of Oak Park will be on hand to help you get your bike ready to hit the trail.

Saturday, March 26 • 1 pm

Trailside Museum of Natural History
738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest
708-366-6530

Hours (March – October)

Building: 9 am – 5 pm, *closed Fridays*
Grounds: 8 am – 5 pm daily

APRIL

Go Fly a Kite Workshop

Learn about the spring wind and weather, then we'll harness the wind's energy by making and flying kites! *Ages 6–12 w/adult. \$5 materials fee per child. Register by 4/1.*

Sunday, April 3 • 1 – 3 pm



Red Winged Blackbird – Bird of the Month

Learn about this distinctive, territorial wetland bird that both migrates through and nests our area. *Family program.*

Sunday, April 10 • 1 pm

Fabulous Frogs

Learn about the life cycle, ecology, and identification of native frogs, then visit our pond to look for frogs. *Adults and children ages 8 and up. Register by 4/8.*

Sunday, April 17 • 1 pm

Earth Day Woodland Walk

A guided walk to view the many wonders of our Earth in the springtime woods. *Family program.*

Saturday, April 23 • 1 pm

Replacing Ash Trees

Have you recently lost an ash or other tree, and are wondering what to replant? Learn all about some excellent replacement trees that are attractive, sturdy and long-lived. Taught by Kim Ellson of the U of I Extension. *Register by 4/21.*

Sunday, April 24 • 1 pm

Weekday Wildflower Walk

Join us for a guided walk to learn about the life and lore of our local spring wildflowers. *For adults and teens.*

Friday, April 29 • 1 pm

Spring Wildflower Walk

Take a guided walk to view and learn about the delicate blooms of our woodland wildflowers. *Adults and children 8 & up. Register by 4/28.*

Saturday April 30 • 1 pm



MAY

SPRING FESTIVAL

Celebrate spring with a day of activities for all ages, including animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, dip netting, seed planting, building a bird house, and more! *Call 708-366-6530 for more information.*



Sunday, May 1 • 10 am – 3 pm



The Big Sit

Join us as we see how many birds we can spot or hear without leaving a 17-foot circle. Stop by anytime, grab a seat and join in. *See page 21 for more information.*

Saturday, May 7 • 5:30 am – 5 pm

Mother's Day Woodland Walk

Learn about wildlife mothers on a guided nature walk. *Register by 5/6.*

Sunday, May 8 • 1 pm

Create Stunning Hanging Baskets

Learn the tricks of the trade in this practical, hands-on class and take home your own striking hanging basket to enjoy. *Fee \$25. Register with U of I Extension at <http://bit.ly/1m7eXQ8>.*

Sunday, April 15 • 1 pm



Yellow Warblers – Bird of the Month

Come hear about these tiny, colorful gems of birds that are now migrating through. *Family program.*

Saturday, May 21 • 1 pm

Trailside History Hike

Enjoy a long guided hike to learn about the history of Trailside Museum and Thatcher Woods. Visit Native American sites, an abandoned village and more. *Adults and children 12 & up. Register by 5/20.*

Sunday, May 22 • 1 – 3 pm

Dip In the Pond

Drop in and dip Trailside's nets into our pond to discover what interesting creatures lurk in the depths. *For all ages; rubber boots available, or bring your own.*

Saturday, May 28 • 1 – 2:30 pm

Families, individuals and groups: create lasting memories at one of the Forest Preserves of Cook County's five new campgrounds!

Camp in a tent, stay in a cabin or bring your RV. We'll even provide weekend activities led by our staff.



FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY CAMPING

Reserve your spot at fpdcc.com/camping or call 1-855-YES-CAMP

TYPE	CAPACITY	NIGHTS	COOK COUNTY	
			RESIDENT	NON-RES
Tent/RV Electric	6	Sun - Sat	\$25	\$35
Tent (Non-Electric)	6	Sun - Sat	\$20	\$30
Small Cabin	8	Sun - Sat	\$40	\$50
Large Cabin	10	Sun - Sat	\$65	\$75
Small Bunkhouse	16	Sun - Sat	\$75	\$85
Large Bunkhouse	36	Sun - Sat	\$90	\$100
Group Sites	30-60	Sun - Sat	\$20/tent	\$30/tent

TYPE	CAPACITY	NIGHTS	COOK COUNTY	
			RESIDENT	NON-RES
Tent/RV Electric	6	Sun - Wed	\$35	\$45
Tent/RV Electric	6	Thu - Sat	\$50	\$60
Tent (Non-Electric)	6	Sun - Wed	\$30	\$40
Tent (Non-Electric)	6	Thu - Sat	\$35	\$45
Small Cabin	8	Sun - Wed	\$50	\$60
Small Cabin	8	Thu - Sat	\$80	\$90
Large Cabin	10	Sun - Wed	\$85	\$95
Large Cabin	10	Thu - Sat	\$100	\$110
Small Bunkhouse	16	Sun - Wed	\$90	\$100
Small Bunkhouse	16	Thu - Sat	\$140	\$150
Large Bunkhouse	36	Sun - Wed	\$100	\$110
Large Bunkhouse	36	Thu - Sat	\$200	\$210
Group Sites	30-60	All Nights	\$20/tent	\$30/tent

- **Camp Bullfrog Lake**
9600 Wolf Rd
Willow Springs
- **Camp Dan Beard**
200 Portwine Rd
Northbrook
- **Camp Reinberg**
1801 N Quentin
Palatine
- **Camp Shabbona Woods**
15810 Torrence Ave
South Holland
- **Camp Sullivan**
14630 Oak Park Ave
Oak Forest

Camp Bullfrog Lake, Camp Reinberg and Camp Sullivan feature four-season, heated cabins and are open 362 days a year. Campgrounds are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

FREE Weekend Campground Activities (Starts April 1)

- Friday & Saturday night bonfires
- Friday & Saturday evening programs
- Saturday afternoon activities and hikes
- Camping skill demonstrations

Open to all registered campers.

SNOWSHOE TREKKING

There's no better way to experience the preserves in the winter than by snowshoe. Come on out and try our snowshoes (conditions permitting) for free. Open to the public. *No registration required. Check facebook.com/campincook for snow conditions & updates.*

Camp Reinberg
Saturday, March 5 • 10am - 3pm



CAMPING 101

Camping 101 is a hands-on workshop series designed to teach basic camping skills. Learn tent set-up, campfire building, camping fun, dressing for camping, camping etiquette and more. Join us on select Wednesday evenings. *No registration required. FREE!*

Camp Dan Beard
April 13 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Camp Bullfrog Lake
March 9 • 5 - 7 pm
April 27 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm
May 18 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Camp Reinberg
March 30 • 5 - 7 pm
April 6 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm
May 11 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Camp Shabbona
April 20 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm
May 25 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Camp Sullivan
May 4 • 5:30 - 7:30



CAMPING LEADERSHIP IMMERSION COURSE (CLIC)

Attention leaders of community and school groups, Scouts and youth groups! This overnight training course teaches equipment use and care, campground cooking, outdoor activities, teamwork and nature-based education. After completing this training, you and your group of up to 30 are eligible to borrow tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and cookware for a campout at Camp Sullivan. *Training is required to gain access to gear. For more info, email experiencecamping@cookcountyil.gov.*

Saturday, April 9 - Sunday, April 10
Saturday, May 14 - Sunday, May 15



SPECIAL EVENTS

**One Earth Film Festival
Thatcher Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave**
Join us for a free showing of the film Nature Play. A discussion and fun activities will follow the film. *For festival details, visit oneearthfilmfest.org.*
Saturday, March 5 • 3 pm

**Ralph Frese Memorial Paddle
Willow Road Dam, Willow Rd. & N. Forest Way Dr., Winnetka**
Experienced paddlers, bring your canoe or kayak and celebrate the legacy of canoe legend Ralph Frese by paddling down the Chicago River from Willow Road Dam to Linne Woods in Morton Grove. A shuttle bus will be provided and will run from 8am to 2pm from Linne Woods (Dempster St and Ferris Ave) to Willow Road Dam.
Saturday, April 9 • 9 – 11am

**Earth Day Celebration and Preserves Clean Up
Whistler Woods, 480 Acme Dr, Riverdale**
Clean up the preserves in partnership with Friends of the Parks in the morning, and then afterward celebrate with fun nature activities and snacks.
Saturday, April 23 • 9 am – 1 pm



**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
Bunker Hill, 6800 N Caldwell, Chicago**
Celebrate the grandeur of trees and learn why they're important to our community and our world. Enjoy tree planting, tree climbing, tree-caching and ID, scavenger hunts, art projects and more.
Saturday, April 30 • Noon – 4 pm



**Nature Obstacle Course & Adventure Night
Bremen Grove, Grove 1, 6400-6498 Nature Dr, Oak Forest**
Attempt our nature obstacle course – created from all natural forest materials. Also, join our staff for archery instruction, nature crafts and other surprises. *Archery for ages 10 and up; other activities for all ages. No reservation needed; call 312-533-5751 for more information.*
Thursday, May 12 • 4 – 6:30 pm

**Chicago River System Clean-Up Day
Kickapoo Woods, Kickapoo Woods Boat Launch, 144th & Halstead, Riverdale**
Help celebrate Chicago River Clean-Up Day on the Little Calumet. Join us in a river clean up and restoration day at Kickapoo Woods. Bring your own boat or borrow one of ours. As an added bonus, we will bus cleanup participants to our “Nature Block Party” event at Eggers Woods, where there will be a free lunch offering for clean-up participants. A return bus to Kickapoo will depart Eggers Woods at 2 pm. *Limited number of boats/bus space first come first serve by calling 312-533-5751.*
**Saturday, May 14
9 – 11 am or 2:30 pm**

**NATURE BLOCK PARTY:
A CELEBRATION OF BIODIVERSITY
Eggers Grove, 11201 S Ave B, Chicago**
Discover the flora and fauna of the urban preserves. Join us for restoration activities, bird and tree hikes, games, biking and more.
Saturday, May 14 • 11 am – 3 pm



**Des Plaines Canoe and Kayak Marathon
906 River Road, Mt Prospect**
Join the second oldest continual canoe race in the United States! Race begins at Oak Springs Road in Libertyville and ends at Dam#2 in Mount Prospect. *Free for spectators. Race starts at 8 am. Activities at Dam #2 start at 11 am. To register, visit canoemarathon.com*
Sunday, May 22 • 8 am



WELLNESS IN THE WOODS

Swallow Cliff Stairs (North entrance), IL Rt 83(Cal Sag Rd) & US Rt 45, Palos Park
Spring into action and refresh the senses! Reap the benefits of exercising outside in nature. Warm up your morning with a relaxing yoga session or an energetic workout. Get tips on nutrition to supplement a healthy lifestyle.
Call 708-386-4121 for more information.
Saturday, April 16 • 9 am – Noon

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Calling all outdoor adventurers! Meet up for wilderness skill building, hiking, exploring, nature-based art making, and more. *Please call 312-533-5751 to reserve your spot or for more information.*

**Celebrate Spring
Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago**
Spring has sprung! Come celebrate the passing of the vernal equinox and the beginning of Easter with us, as we hike through the woods and make crafts that will highlight the return of warm weather, longer days, migrating birds, and other wildlife to our preserves. We will be taking spring-themed hikes, learning about all-natural egg dyeing techniques, as well as making spring-related crafts, birdhouses, bird feeders, and more.
**Wednesday, March 23
4:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Turning Sticks into Shelter
Dan Ryan Woods, Grove 5, 87th & Western Ave, Chicago**
Let's learn how to build a survival shelter! We'll discuss tips on choosing the ideal spot for creating a shelter. Join in discovering about the lean-to shelter, A-frame style, and how to make a comfortable resting spot out in the woods. Dress ready to get dirty and have fun.
Wednesday, April 27 • 5 – 7 pm



**Bird ID Canoe Cruise
Skokie Lagoons, Tower Road Boat Launch, North Branch Trail, Winnetka**
For rookie or advanced birders! Increase your identification skills with a morning of birding on the Skokie Lagoons. Forest Preserve staff will teach paddling instruction as well as provide birding expertise during the program. Limited number of boats; please reserve a space.
Tuesday, May 10 • 6:30 – 8 am

THIRD THURSDAYS

This monthly series explores nature, art and more. For more information, call 312-415-2970 or email experience.nature@cookcountyil.gov.

**A Taste of Maple Syrup Fest
Cummings Square, 536 N Harlem Ave, River Forest**
Join us to celebrate the start of spring! Learn how real maple syrup is made and enjoy lunch from food trucks with maple syrup-focused menus. *All Ages. No registration required*
Thursday, March 17 • 11 am – 2 pm



**Outdoor Art Workshop
Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest**
Come create art inspired by nature. Try your hand at a variety of projects with a creative reuse focus. *All Ages. No registration required*
Thursday, April 21 • 4 – 7 pm

**Navigation Unplugged
Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest**
Discover how people got around before GPS. Learn the basics of orienteering (using a compass) and cartography (the art of making maps) through various activities, then put your skills to the test on the trails! *Appropriate for ages 5+ and all skill levels. No registration required.*
Thursday, May 19 • 5 – 8 pm



PADDLING

Bring your own canoe or use one of ours! We have a limited number of boats available. Canoe instruction provided. Paddling for ages 5 and up. Call 312-533-5751 to reserve a spot.

Big Bend Lake Afternoon Paddle Big Bend Lake Boat Launch, 9301 Golf Rd, Des Plaines

Drop in during your lunch hour for a relaxing way to enjoy the afternoon – paddling Big Bend Lake. Beginners welcome.

Wednesday, May 4 • 11 am – 1 pm

Skokie Lagoons Evening Tour Skokie Lagoons, Tower Road Boat Launch, North Branch Trail, Winnetka

Drop in for an evening tour of the Skokie Lagoons. We will have rotating trips available for about twenty minutes at a time. Guides will be out on the water for extra assistance. Boats are limited, so reserve a time block in advance to guarantee your spot.

Wednesday, May 25 • 4:30 – 7:30 pm

AQUATIC CENTERS

Opening Weekend

Saturday – Monday, May 28–30

11 am – 7 pm



The Forest Preserves' three Aquatic Centers open Memorial Day Weekend!

- **Whealan Pool Aquatic Center**
6200 W Devon, Chicago
- **Cermak Aquatic Center**
7600 W Ogden, Lyons
- **Green Lake Aquatic Center**
1100 River Oaks Dr, Calumet City

Pools open for the summer on June 4 and will be open every day until September 5.



RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

Our naturalists work hand-in-hand with teachers. We can bring environmental education into the classroom, or bring school groups into the vast natural classroom of our preserves. Programs may feature almost any aspect of regional ecology in the region. We emphasize the role of people in ecosystems, and the health of the natural world.



Six unique nature centers represent the geographic and habitat diversity of Cook County. All feature exhibits, and most display live native animals and include nature trails of varying lengths. Free field trips may be scheduled throughout the year.

Or let us come to you! Free science and nature programs for individual classrooms feature hands-on activities, and may include animal and plant specimens and classroom handouts. Naturalists are available for science and career fairs and other requests, depending on availability. Contact any of our nature centers for details.

IT'S COOLER IN THE FOREST!

Teachers and youth leaders: *It's Cooler in the Forest*, is a new and exciting field trip opportunity that introduces youth to nature, where they can explore, learn, and play. Our staff can tailor a program to meet your goals. Please call 312-533-5751 for more info.

VOLUNTEER

If you have time, skills and enthusiasm to give, consider volunteering with the Forest Preserves. Our thousands of acres provide endless opportunities for individuals and groups to get involved. From removing invasive species to picking up litter to monitoring birds and other animals, volunteering is fun and meaningful. To find out more, visit fpdcc.com/volunteer.

BIRD THE PRESERVES

These events are part of our Bird the Preserves series. Look for the birding icon throughout this brochure to find other programs that feature birding. Visit fpdcc.com/birding for more info.

Fort Dearborn Audubon Birding Trip in Palos Preserves Little Red School House Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs (Flavin) Rd, Willow Springs

Search lakes of the Palos region for spring waterfowl and other migrants. Contact leader to register: Mark Luscombe, 312-307-3928.
Saturday, March 12 • 9 am

Birds and the Cook County Forest Preserves

**Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum,
2430 N Cannon Dr, Chicago**
Judy Pollock of Living Habitats shares some unique birds found in the Cook County Forest Preserves and places to see them along with a mini-program on bird songs and calls. She will also share more info about local bird conservation projects, tips on bird finding, and the 2016 Cook County Big Year project.

Monday, March 14 • 7:30 pm

Evanston North Shore Bird Club Annual Memorial Ralph Herbst Duck Trip

**McGinnis Slough, 13598 South
La Grange Road, Orland Park**
Search lakes of the Palos region for spring waterfowl. Will be canceled if ponds are frozen. Please visit this website for updates and contact information:

<http://www.ensbc.org/trips.html>

Sunday, March 20 • 7:30 am

Evanston North Shore Bird Club Perkins Woods Birding Trip Perkins Woods, 2353 Ewing Ave, Evanston

Look for warblers and other migrants (also spring wildflowers). Street Parking. Meet at the corner of Ewing Ave and Grant St. Visit this website for updates and contact information: <http://www.ensbc.org/trips.html>

Thursday, May 5 • 7:30 am

Lake Cook Audubon Society Birding Trip Crabtree Nature Center

Land bird migrants are here! Crabtree is a great place to find them. Please visit this website for updates and contact information:

http://www.lakecookaudubon.org/Birding_Field_Trips.html
Thursday, May 5, 2016 • 8:00 am

Evanston North Shore Bird Club Skokie Lagoons Birding Trip

Erickson Woods Parking Lot, 1651 Willow Rd, Winnetka
These Friday trips pack a great list of warbler species. Please visit this website for updates and contact information:

<http://www.ensbc.org/trips.html>
Friday, May 6 • 7:30 am

THE BIG SIT

All day long at all six of our Nature Centers we will be counting how many birds we can spot or hear without leaving a 17-foot circle. This 'citizen science' can help us make better decisions about the conservation of bird habitat. We need birders of any experience to help us for part or all of the day. Stop by anytime, grab a seat and join in.

Saturday, May 7 • 5:30 am – 5 pm



Lake Cook Audubon Society Birding Trip to Palos Area Preserves

**McCloughry Springs, S Kean Ave
north of 119th St, Palos Hills**
Half-day multi-stop trip to look for migrant birds. Please visit this website for updates and contact information: http://www.lakecookaudubon.org/Birding_Field_Trips.html

Saturday, May 14 • 7:00 am

Evanston North Shore Bird Club Skokie Lagoons Birding Trip Erickson Woods Parking Lot, 1651 Willow Rd, Winnetka

These Friday trips pack a great list of warbler species. Please visit this website for updates and contact information: <http://www.ensbc.org/trips.html>

Friday, May 20 • 7:30 am

Support for this project was generously provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through Chicago Wilderness.



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GOLF

The Forest Preserves' 10 golf courses and four driving ranges offer something for every golfer. Beautifully well-maintained courses in a natural setting. Check the website for tee times and availability: www.forestpreservegolf.com or call 1-800-460-0010 for further information.

- Billy Caldwell** | 6150 Caldwell Ave, Chicago
- Burnham Woods** | Burnham Ave & 142nd St, Burnham
- Chick Evans** | 6145 Golf Rd, Morton Grove
- Edgebrook** | 6100 N Central Ave, Chicago
- George W. Dunne** | 16310 S. Central Ave, Oak Forest
- Harry Semrow Driving Range** | 1150 E Golf Rd, Des Plaines
- Highland Woods** | 2775 Ela Rd, Hoffman Estates
- Indian Boundary** | 8600 W Forest Preserve Ave, Chicago
- Joe Louis** | 13100 S Halsted St, Riverdale
- Meadowlark** | 11599 31st St, Hinsdale
- River Oaks** | 1 Park Ave Calumet City



EQUESTRIAN

Glen Grove Equine Center specializes in hunter/jumper lessons, boarding, training and horse shows, and teaching riders and training horses at every level.

Glen Grove Equine Center
9453 Harms Rd, Morton Grove
www.glenroveequine.com
847-966-8032



TENNIS

Located between Harlem Avenue and Bonnie Brae, just North of Lake Street, Oak Park Tennis Center offers adult, junior and private tennis lessons along with seasonal memberships.

Oak Park Tennis Center
544 N Harlem Ave, River Forest
info@oakparktennis.com
708-366-9652

Season: Mid-April – Late October
Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday: 8 am – Sunset
Saturday & Sunday: 8 am – 6 pm



BOAT RENTALS

Enjoy recreational boating on lakes and rivers throughout the Forest Preserves by renting a canoe, kayak or rowboat at one of our four rental sites. Rental sites are open daily from sunrise to sunset from mid-April through late October.

Tampier Lake Boathouse

Located near W 131st St & South Wolf Rd in Orland Park, 708-557-4148

Maple Lake Boathouse

Located near Wolf Rd & 95th St in Willow Springs, 708-361-0460

Busse Woods Boathouse

Located near E Higgins Rd & I-290 in Elk Grove Village, 224-415-6554

Skokie Lagoons*

Located near Tower Rd & I-94 in Northfield, 847-414-5883

Season: Early May – Late October

**Canoes and Kayaks only at Skokie Lagoons.*

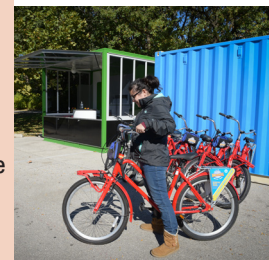
BIKE RENTALS

There's no better way to see the Forest Preserves than by biking our trails. No bike? No problem: Bike and Roll Chicago now offers bike rentals at six Forest Preserve sites.

- Dan Ryan Woods** | 8700 S Western, Chicago
 - Caldwell Woods** | 6350 Devon, Chicago
 - Bunker Hill** | 6800 N Caldwell, Chicago
 - Harms Woods** | Golf Rd & Harms Rd, Morton Grove
 - Tower Road** | Tower Rd & Forestway Dr, Glencoe
 - Chicago Botanic Garden** | 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe
- More locations to open in Spring 2016. Please check the website: www.bikechicago.com.
312-729-1000

Season: April 15 to October 31

Hours of Operation: Monday – Sunday: Sunrise to Sunset



OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Join our partners L.L. Bean and REI for additional outdoor recreation classes and activities in the Forest Preserves.



L.L. Bean offers outdoor recreation classes and a variety of outdoor activities at Busse Woods in Elk Grove Village. Visit www.lbean.com/adventure for a complete schedule.



REI offers outdoor recreation classes and activities at locations throughout the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Visit rei.com/learn for complete details.



Established one hundred years ago, the Forest Preserves of Cook County is one of the oldest forest preserve systems in the nation, maintaining nearly 70,000 acres of open land for the education, pleasure and recreation of the public. We strive to protect and restore the county's diverse ecosystems, so all our unique native plants and animals can live and thrive. Each year, millions of people use these lands and facilities to enjoy or study nature, bicycle, hike, fish, cross-country ski, picnic, golf, canoe or simply relax in a large preserve that leaves urban life behind.

Toni Preckwinkle, President

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