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PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar 2/8/2022 - 3/15/2022

Please check the Forest Preserve of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

Friday, 2/11; 6pm - 8:30pm

Evening Valentine's Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Enjoy Sand Ridge at night during a relaxing candlelit walk through the woods. While you walk, learn about native wildlife's mating habits, from a short fling to a bond that lasts a lifetime. Multiple time slots available. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/12; 10am

Nature Tales: The Stories Tracks Leave, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Learn how to identify different wildlife tracks and go on a walk to see who's stopped by the nature center. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/12; 1pm

Resting Reptiles, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Let's discover together how our native reptiles are surviving Winter. Ages 6 and up. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/12; 12pm - 3pm

Winter Exploration Day, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Learn to navigate using new-found orienteering skills, make a craft using natural materials, track animals and go on a photo scavenger hunt. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 2/13; 1:30pm

Superb Owl Party, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Help us celebrate owls and learn what makes them so unique! *Facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 2/16; 6pm

Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Let the full moon be our guide as we hike the 1-mile White Oak Trail, and warm up by a fire under the night sky afterwards. All ages. Please bring binoculars. Limited pairs to lend. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Wednesday, 2/16; 4:30pm

Winter Woodworking, Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter, Chicago

Repurpose the common European buckthorn into something new! Equipment provided. Ages 10 and up. Participants under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/19; 11am - 1:30pm

Explore: Horsetail Lake, Horsetail Lake, Palos Park

Adults and families, come explore with us at Horsetail Lake! Grabbing a self-guided exploration activity or join our staff on one of our guided hikes. Join a litter pickup and help cleaning up the preserve, warm up by a fire, and take home a nature activity to continue your adventure. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/19; 4pm

Sunset Hike, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest

Join us for a stroll in the Forest Preserves and take in the evening sunset. Depending on snow conditions, snowshoes will be available to borrow for the hike. Registration and facemasks required. *Register at experience.camping@cookcountyil.gov*

Saturday, 2/19; 10:30am

Cold Blooded (Animals!), Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the “cool” adaptations that help animals survive winter, followed by a short nature walk to see what winter animals are around and about! *Registration and facemasks required.* Call 708-366-6530.

Saturday, 2/19; 10:30am

Trail Tales, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Have fun on a winter day with a guided story trail and activities! Ages 2 to 6 with a caregiver. *Facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 2/22; 9am

Photography Walk, Swallow Cliff Woods, Palos Park

We will hike around Swallow Cliff and to Teason’s Woods in hopes of capturing some magical winter photography. Meet on the patio out front of the pavilion. *Registration and facemasks required.* Call 312-533-5751.

Wednesday, 2/23; 3:30 pm

Walk and Talk: Black Environmentalists, Glenview

Join us for a nature walk as we highlight the work of black environmentalists-locally and abroad. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 2/26; 10am - 3pm

Black History Month: Underground Railroad Walks, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us on a self-guided journey that follows the Underground Railroad route connected to the Calumet Region during the mid-1800s. *Facemasks required*

Saturday, 2/26; 10:30am

Winter Dog Days Dog Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest

This one is for the dog walkers! Join a naturalist as you and your best friend go on a casual nature walk along Trailside’s scenic trails. Dogs must be leashed. *Registration and facemasks required.* Call 708-366-6530.

Saturday, 2/26; 9am

Birkie Race Day, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

The American Birkebeiner is the largest Nordic ski race in the U.S. Visit our exhibits and watch the race live. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday and Sunday, 2/26 and 2/27; 10:30am and 1:30pm

Sap's Rising, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk in the sugar maple forest to learn about the sweet process of maple syrup making. *Facemasks required.*

Sunday, 2/27; 9am

Woodpecker Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn about Illinois woodpeckers and look for sights and sounds of our hard-headed friends on a relaxing, morning walk. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/5; 1pm

Block Print Workshop, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Enjoy the easy and creative art of carving, inking, and printing your own block prints of a plant or animal. All instruction and materials provided. Ages 9 and up. *Registration and facemasks required.* Call 708-366-6530.

Saturday, 3/5; 10am - 1pm

Beaubien Woods Community Day, Beaubien Woods, Chicago

Spend time giving back to the land. Try your hand at restoration or enjoy a fun activity. *Facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/5; 1pm - 3pm

Campfire Foods 101, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Learn how to make campfire foods for your next campout. Join us as we walk through different yummy foods to make over a fire. Samples, materials provided. \$5 per person. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturdays and Sundays, 3/5, 3/6, 3/12, 3/13; 10:30am and 1:30pm

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Sunday, 3/6; 1pm

Crabtree History, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Experience a walk through time together as we discuss the early days of Crabtree Nature Center and what came before. Ages 12 and up. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Tuesday, 3/8; 10am

Forest Therapy Walk, Deer Grove-East, Palatine

Awaken your senses and renew your bond with the nature and the Preserves. Certified Forest Therapy guide. Ages 18 & up. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Thursday, 3/10; 5:30pm

Camping 101, Camp Bullfrog, Willow Springs

Join us for a workshop covering basic camping skills. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/12; 11am

Know Before You Go: Map Reading and Orienteering, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Learn basic map reading and compass skills. *Ages 8 and up. Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/12; 10am

Women's History Month Walk, Thatcher Woods Pavilion, River Forest

Join us on a hike where we highlight conservation leader Isabel Bassett Wasson and the work and discoveries she made at Thatcher Woods and beyond. *Registration and facemasks required.*

Saturday, 3/12; 8am

Bird Walk, Eggers Grove, Chicago

Join a naturalist as we explore this preserve while looking for local birds. *Facemasks required.*