

# Forest Preserve District of Cook County

118 North Clark Chicago, IL 60602

# **Legislation Text**

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#### PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar: 1/24/2023 - 2/7/2023

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

#### Wednesday, 1/25; 11am

# Walk and Talk, Chicago Portage National Historic Site, Lyons

Walk and Talk Hikes are for the curious mind who want to know more about the Forest Preserves and natural areas. These hikes will be led at a slower pace with frequent stopping and interpretation. *I mile. Registration required. Call* 312-533-5751.

#### Thursday, 1/26; 6pm

# Be a Better Birder: Getting Started (Zoom)

Learn how to build your birding kit, how to get started, and where you can find resources. Great for beginners and those interested in getting into birding. *Registration required*.

#### Saturday, 1/28; 10am - 12pm

# Prehistoric Play Day, Rolling Knolls, Elgin

Learn about the amazing world of Ice Age Illinois through a series of family-oriented games and activities. *Intended for ages 5-8*.

#### Saturday, 1/28; 11am - 2pm

#### All About Fire, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

Join us for activities related to fire! Learn safe fire building and containment practices, then make your own fire and roast a marshmallow. *Drop-in. All ages*.

## Sunday, 1/29; 1:30pm

#### **Groundhog Day, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Learn the story behind this peculiar holiday.

#### **Sunday**, 1/29; 1pm

# Headbangers, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Woodpeckers are the ultimate headbangers and are vital to the health of woodland ecosystems. Learn basic woodpecker species identification and anatomy on this winter bird search.

#### Sunday, 1/29; 1pm

## Snowshoe Walk, Camp Reinberg, Palatine

Enjoy the preserves in snowshoes. Registration required. Snowshoes provided; 4" of snow required. If snowshoeing is not possible, walks and other activities will be offered.

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#### Wednesday, 2/1 through Sunday 2/5

#### Groundhog Week, Sagawau Nature Center, Lemont

Will Sagawau Sam see his shadow? Ski by our outdoor exhibit to learn about groundhogs and other hibernators. Repeat skiers throughout the week win a prize.

#### Friday, 2/3; 3pm - 5pm

## Wilderness Survival, Cherry Hill Woods, Palos Park

This hands-on program demonstrates how to use the natural resources around you.

#### Saturday, 2/4; 1:30pm

## Live Healthy, Discover Nature! Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Venture out on our scenic trails for a 3 to 4-mile walk led by our nature education staff. Registration required.

# Saturday, 2/4; 6pm - 9pm

## Sweetheart Night Hike, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Walk candlelit trails, relax around a campfire, or warm up inside with dinner and drinks. Registration required. Call River Trail at 847-824-8360. Deadline: 01/30. Ages 21 and up.

## Saturday, 2/4; 1:30pm

#### Owls of Trailside, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the fascinating owls that call Trailside home and visit one of our ambassador owls! *Registration required.* Family program.

# Sunday, 2/5; 6:30pm

# Moon Walk, Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs

Let the full moon be our guide as we walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place. Warm up by a fire afterwards. *Registration required. All ages.* 

#### Sunday, 2/5; 1:30pm

## Insects in Winter, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Hunt our trails for the mighty snow flea and learn about winter insects. All ages.

## Wednesday, 2/8; 10am - 12pm

#### Poetry Trail: Black History Month, Bemis Woods-South, Western Springs

In honor of Black History Month, walk a short, looped trail and read poetry for children written by Black authors along the way. *Grove* 7