

2026 CALENDAR

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Hard Water Classic

Take part in the only competitive ice-fishing tournament in DuPage County.

Blackwell • Feb. 7 • Noon – 3:30 p.m.

Trout Fishing for Kids

Introduce young anglers to trout fishing at this preseason event for ages 15 and under.

Wood Dale Grove

March 28 • 8 a.m. – Noon

Native Plant Sale

Fill your garden with flowers, grasses, and shrubs adapted to DuPage soils and weather.

NEW LOCATION: DuPage County Fairgrounds

May 15 • 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

May 16 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Just for Kids Fishing Derby

Join this annual friendly fishing competition that's just for anglers 15 and under.

Blackwell • June 14 • 8 – 11 a.m.

Fall Native Tree and Shrub Sale

Fulfill your fall planting plans with native trees and shrubs adapted to DuPage conditions.

Order Online Starting Aug. 3 at 9 a.m.

Pick Up at St. James Farm Sept. 11 & 12

Archery

Open House

Learn about this classic sport, and try the basics with a certified instructor.

Blackwell

Aug. 1 • 9 a.m. – Noon

Fall Festival at Canada

Enjoy equestrian performances, hayrides, kids activities, displays, food, and more.

Danada Equestrian Center

Oct. 10 and 11

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPENERS

Snowshoe Rentals

Explore the wintry trails by snowshoe.

Blackwell and Fullersburg Woods

Dec. 6, 2025 – Feb. 22, 2026

Dec. 19, 2026 – Feb. 28, 2027

Hours Vary

Summer Camp Registration

Make plans for summertime fun for kids and teens entering first through eighth grades.

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DuPage Residents • Feb. 16 • 9 a.m.

General Registration • March 2 • 9 a.m.

Golf Courses

Enjoy a round at a distinctive forest preserve course. Book tee times at DuPageGolf.com.

The Preserve at Oak Meadows and Green Meadows

April 1

Snow Tubing

When there's plenty of snow on the hill, take a fun 800-foot ride down Mount Hoy.

Blackwell

Weekends and School Holidays

Dec. 6, 2025 – Feb. 22, 2026

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Trout Season

Grab your gear, license, and trout stamp, and head out to this highly anticipated event.

Blackwell, Pratt's Wayne Woods and Wood Dale Grove

Spring • April 4 • 6 a.m.

Fall • Oct. 17 • 6 a.m.

Family Camping

Spend a night in this popular forest preserve by a campfire under the stars.

Blackwell

Friday and Saturday Nights

May 1 – Oct. 12

Scenic Overlook

Get a bird's-eye view from one of the tallest points in the county.

Greene Valley

Weekends May 2 – Oct. 25

One Hour After Sunrise – 6 p.m.

Boat Rentals

Explore two scenic lakes by kayak, canoe, paddleboat, or rowboat.

Blackwell

Weekends May 2 – Sept. 27

Weekdays May 25 – Aug. 14

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Herrick Lake

Weekends May 23 – Sept. 7

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Annual Permit Sales

Get your 2027 permits for off-leash dog areas, private watercraft, model-craft areas, and the archery range.

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Dec. 1



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