

DUPAGE FOREST PRESERVES

2027 *Calendar*



SPECIAL EVENTS

Trout Fishing for Kids

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

Wood Dale Grove

March 27 • 8 a.m. – Noon

Native Plant Sale

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

DuPage County Fairgrounds

May 14 • 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

May 15 • 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 13 • 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. 2 at 9 a.m.

Pick Up at St. James Farm Sept. 10 and 11

Archery Open House

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

Blackwell

Aug. 7 • 9 a.m. – Noon

Fall Festival at Danada

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

Danada Equestrian Center

Oct. 9 and 10 • 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

OPENERS

Snowshoe Rentals

Explore the wintry trails by snowshoe.

Blackwell and Fullersburg Woods

Dec. 19, 2026 – Feb. 28, 2027

Days and Hours Vary

Snow Tubing

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

Blackwell

Weekends

Dec. 19, 2026 – Feb. 28, 2027

Dec. 18, 2027 – Feb. 27, 2028

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Summer Camp Registration

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

dupageforest.org/camps

DuPage Residents

Feb. 16 • 9 a.m.

General Registration

March 1 • 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

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 3 • 6 a.m.

Fall • Oct. 16 • 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 7 – Oct. 10

Scenic Overlook

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

Greene Valley

Weekends May 1 – Oct. 31

One Hour After Sunrise – 6 p.m.

Boat Rentals

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

Blackwell

Weekends May 1 – Sept. 26

Weekdays May 31 – Aug. 20

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Herrick Lake

Weekends May 29 – Sept. 6

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Annual Permit Sales

Get your 2028 permits for off-leash dog areas, private watercraft, model-craft areas, and the archery range.

Dec. 1 at dupageforest.org

