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The Littlest **Falcon**

THE ORIGINAL COLOR RUN

WATERSHED MOMENT FOR
Spring Brook



from the president



Recently, I was flipping through an old copy of *The Conservationist*. It was the spring 1995 issue, the first to include a note from yours truly. For scarcely four months I had been president of a 22,000-acre agency that had been “protecting and preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauty” for DuPage residents for 80 years. It was an awe-inspiring yet humbling position to be in to say the least.

Now, nearly 20 years and 3,300 new acres later, as the Forest Preserve District prepares to celebrate a milestone — its centennial anniversary in 2015 — I’m preparing to pass the baton. In December I’ll be retiring, and a new president will be guiding the District at it welcomes the start of the next 100 years. I will admit that it’s a somewhat bittersweet time for me, but I’m confident that the District’s future will be as strong as its past.

During my time as president, I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet and hear from thousands of DuPage forest preserve supporters, to be reminded that the actions taken inside the boardroom directly affect the experiences people have outside in our county’s 25,000 acres of open spaces. That only a separate governing body can ensure the natural areas the District protects on behalf of taxpayers today will remain so tomorrow. That no agency can succeed without a dedicated corps of employees and volunteers who value its resources as if they were their own. That every effort we make to ensure that children can explore the woodlands, prairies and wetlands in their own backyards will pay us back tenfold when they grow up to become stewards of this great land.

Although my term of office as president may be coming to a close, I can assure you that my role as an advocate of DuPage County’s great open spaces will continue for years to come, as will the pride I have in living in a county that offers so much for so many to enjoy.

To all of you, my best, and as always, I’ll see you in the preserves.

D. “Dewey” Pierotti Jr.

President, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County



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OUR *Mission*

To acquire and hold lands for the purpose of preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauty for the education, pleasure and recreation of DuPage County citizens



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news & notes



2015 Permits

Annual permits for off-leash dog areas, private boats, and model boats and aircraft for 2015 go on sale Monday, Dec. 1. Camping and picnic reservations for 2015 begin Friday, Jan. 2. Call (630) 933-7248, or stop by District headquarters at Danada Forest Preserve in Wheaton.

Want a head start on your permit paperwork? Visit dupageforest.org, and click on Things to Do and Permits and Fees to download and print application forms in advance.

LIVE and On Demand

Can't make it to an upcoming Board of Commissioners meeting? Find the latest schedules and agendas and view proceedings live or on demand at dupageforest.org under About Us and Meetings and Agendas.

Commission meetings and planning sessions are open to the public and take place at District headquarters at 35580 Naperville Road in Wheaton. Normally, commission meetings are at 9 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, and planning sessions are at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays. At both the board discusses District business and hears public comments as well as staff reports; at commission meetings, the board also votes on agenda items.



ON THE ROAD? WATCH FOR DEER.

Deer-vehicle collisions can happen at any time, but they're most prevalent in fall. Deer are breeding, or "in rut," and are more active, frequently crossing roads and highways as they search for mates. They're common along woods, fields, fencerows and waterways, but drivers can encounter them almost anywhere.

If you're in an accident, do not attempt to remove dead or injured deer from a busy road. Instead, call local law enforcement for help. The following tips, however, may help drivers avoid deer-related emergencies in the first place.

- Be extremely cautious at dawn and dusk when deer are most active and visibility is poor.
- Slow down when approaching deer. They may bolt or quickly change direction without warning. Deer often travel in groups. If you see one, expect more.
- If you see deer-crossing signs, be alert. Agencies place these signs in areas that have high numbers of deer-vehicle collisions.
- Do not swerve into oncoming traffic to avoid deer. Slow to a stop and wait. Flash your headlights to encourage the animals to move.



ADD YOUR MEMORIES TO THE FOREST PRESERVE ARCHIVES

To celebrate its centennial in 2015, the Forest Preserve District is compiling a special online history album and is looking for visitors' photos and written memories.

"DuPage County's forest preserves have been a part of so many people's lives over the years, and we want to preserve those memories and tell the story of how those people and places have changed over the past century," says Chris Gingrich from the District's Education office.

The photos will be part of the District's Historypin page, and DuPage forest preserve fans will be able to add to the site throughout the year. To view the current collection, which includes the image above of Naperville High School's class of 1929 picnic at Pioneer Park Forest Preserve, visit dupageforest.org and click on the pink pinhead icon under Follow Our Tracks. If you would like to contribute, contact Chris at (630) 871-7537 or educate@dupageforest.org.



GRANT FOR MAYSLAKE COURTYARD RESTORATION

The Forest Preserve District has received \$215,000 from the Illinois Public Museum Capital Grants Program, which will fund the renovation of the rear courtyard at Mayslake Hall in Oak Brook. The project will restore or replace damaged stucco, windows, terra cotta chimney pots, copper gutters, carved wooden barge boards and a limestone portico and will protect the interior of the building and areas that have already been restored.

The District expects work to begin in summer 2015 and to have a total cost of \$525,500. The remainder of the funding will be provided by the District and by private donations to the Mayslake Hall Restoration Society and the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

The 39-room hall, which was designed by architect Benjamin H. Marshall and completed in 1921, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

CONNECT With Us 24/7

Looking for DuPage County forest preserve news between issues of *The Conservationist*? Then check out the Follow Our Tracks section of dupageforest.org. You can link to our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Pinterest and Historypin pages and even sign up for our monthly e-newsletter.

MANY Thanks

The Forest Preserve District thanks the donors who contributed to its efforts between May 24 and Aug. 15, 2014. To make your own tax-deductible donation or to learn how sponsorships and financial support can benefit the District, visit dupageforestgiving.org.

Special-Event Business Sponsors

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Gifts of Note

Anonymous
\$10,000 — to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District for Mayslake Peabody Estate for the restoration of the rear courtyard
Elizabeth and Harold Juhnke
\$10,000 — for Willowbrook Wildlife Center in honor of Laura and Alexander Durham
Rotary Club of Elmhurst
\$500 — to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District for Forest Preserve District kayaks

GIVE THE GIFT OF GREEN

In no time at all, 2015 will be upon us. Start planning now for the tax season to follow by making a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District, the 501(c)(3) fundraising arm of the Forest Preserve District. For \$100 you'll receive a cute plush owl and VIP passes to special District events. You can also give a gift in honor of that special someone on your holiday shopping list. Funds raised by the Friends support the District's efforts to create high-quality natural areas, provide nature-related programs and outdoor activities, and demonstrate the role that the land has played throughout the county's history. To make your donation, visit dupageforestfriends.org or call (630) 871-6400.



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RARE BUMBLEBEE MAKES BUZZ IN DUPAGE WETLAND

Over the summer, District researchers discovered a rare rusty-patched bumblebee (*Bombus affinis*) feeding on joe-pye weed in a forest preserve wetland. This native insect has the same fuzzy appearance as most bumblebees but sports a rust-colored patch on its back. The recent sighting was in a healthy natural area and reinforces the importance of high-quality habitats to wildlife of all sizes.

Once common throughout the eastern and central United States, the rusty-patched bumblebee has all but disappeared. One conservation group has even petitioned to have the species added to the U.S. federal endangered list. Bumblebees as a whole are important because they're "generalist" foragers, which means they feed — and pollinate — a wide range of flowers. They do not rely on a single species, but several species of flowers, such as bottle gentians, rely on them. They're one of the few insects big enough to force open the plants' heavy blooms and reach the pollen inside.

To see a brief video of this special bee, visit dupageforest.org and click on Forest Preserve News and Photos and Videos.



The **Littlest** Falcon

by JAYNE BOHNER, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Driving down the highway, I spot a bird resting on a power line on the edge of a golden grassland. It looks like a mourning dove, but then it pushes off the wire and floats midair over the field, wings bent and head tilted toward the ground. From this distance it looks motionless, its wings merely brushed by the wind. This is no dove. It's the hovercraft of the avian world, the American kestrel.

There are several species of kestrels worldwide, but only the American kestrel, *Falco sparverius*, lives in North and South America. It may be smaller than its closest U.S. relative, the 20-inch peregrine falcon, but this songbird-sized predator is a falcon just the same.

For decades, researchers lumped falcons, hawks and eagles together in the order Falconiformes, but within the past decade genetic research has lead groups such as the American Ornithologists' Union to split the birds of prey into two orders: Accipitriformes, which includes hawks, eagles, kites and harriers, and Falconiformes, which retained kestrels, peregrine falcons and merlins. Fortunately, DNA isn't the only way birders can tell the difference between these two groups.

Falcons are known as fast flyers, and the shape of their wings is one reason why. Falcons have tapered wings with feathers that remain together in flight, versus hawks' more-rounded wings with spaced "finger" feathers. The smooth

edge makes falcons more wind-resistant, but what they gain in speed they lose in maneuverability, which means they rely on open areas for hunting instead of woodlands. The edge and overall shape of the wing also helps birders differentiate between falcons and hawks in flight. Airborne kestrels are especially easy to identify because they are the only falcons that hang in the air as they hunt, either hovering with flapping wings or "kiting" with steady ones.

Falcons also have dark bands of feathers that resemble mustaches or sideburns, patterns called "malar stripes." These markings are quite prominent on American kestrels, which also sport rusty red tails, black-spotted bellies and backs, and two round spots on the back of their necks that mimic a second set of eyes, which may give red-tailed hawks, Cooper's hawks and other predators the impression that they're being watched from behind. Male kestrels add to the



✦ Although not a true "tooth," the tomial tooth in the middle of the upper beak helps kestrels efficiently dispense with mice and other small mammals.

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- ▲ When available, insects are a kestrel's primary source of food.



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- ▲ Along with size and color, a bird of prey's wing can help with identification. A kestrel's wing (top) is more pointed at the end. A red-tailed hawk's (bottom) is more rounded with greater space between the feathers.
- ▲ Conservation groups hope that nesting boxes will help in areas where kestrel populations are declining.

species' attractive display with slate-blue feathers on their heads and wings.

It requires a closer look, but falcons also have what ornithologists call a "tomial tooth." ("Tomial" comes from the Greek word for "cut.") It's not a true tooth but rather a sharp protrusion on the upper part of the beak that matches up with a small notch on the lower. When snapped together by powerful muscles, this adaptation allows American kestrels to quickly bite through the spinal cords of voles, mice and other prey, although from spring to mid-fall they're more likely to dine on the seasonal overabundance of butterflies, moths, grasshoppers and dragonflies.

For American kestrels, roadside telephone lines and poles that run along prairies and agricultural fields are particularly attractive perches for scoping out prey. Once a meal is in sight, a kestrel may grab it on the wing, but it's more likely to attack on the ground, either dining on site or bringing its catch back to its perch. In southern states where successful hunting is available year-round, so are American kestrels, but even here in DuPage County, if small mammals are accessible, kestrels will remain through the winter. North of here, most migrate to Central America or the Caribbean.

Kestrels aren't on any threatened or endangered lists, but bird counts have shown a slow but steady decline in numbers over the past 20 years, especially in the central U.S., and researchers are struggling to find the cause. It may be that

an increase in pesticide use is knocking out more insects, a prime source of food, or that the declines are a result of conservational efforts to bolster populations of Cooper's hawks, a prime kestrel predator. But many researchers believe that a drop in suitable nesting sites is the culprit.

Falcons do not build their own nests. Instead, they rely on pre-existing cavities. American kestrels in particular look for woodpecker holes, dead trees, cliffs and gaps in building exteriors to protect their broods, and if suitable locations aren't available, even the most productive hunting grounds will not keep kestrels in an area. When competition is high, birders have seen kestrels evict eastern bluebirds from nest boxes, but as European starlings and other cavity nesters spread, the competition may be gaining an upper hand on the kestrel.

Humans may also play a role. When land owners take down dead and dying trees for wood and farmers remove mature windbreaks to make space for more crops, prime kestrel nesting habitat disappears, too. But from Delaware to Iowa, conservation groups are erecting nest boxes in open fields and behind interstate road signs with the hope of countering some of the effects of the ever-changing landscape.

The American kestrel may not be the largest falcon in DuPage County's forest preserves, but its beauty and adaptations make it one of the grandest. •

fall calendar

See pages 10 through 16 for program descriptions.
Cancellation policies vary by program.



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October

- 1** Archery for All Ages
- 3** Fishing Clinic for Beginners
FullersBird Fridays
Sit and Stitch
- 4** Halloween Night Walks Ticket Sales Begin
Volunteer Restoration Workday
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 5** Archery for All Ages
Cast-Iron Cooking
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 6** Art at Mayslake: Assemblage Using 3-D Design Begins
Art at Mayslake: Drawing a Collection Begins
Forest Fitness Walk
- 7** Archery for Active Adults
- 10** FullersBird Fridays
Nature Art and Photo Show
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 11** Corn Harvest
Nature Art and Photo Show
Rambo Scramble
Volunteer Restoration Workday
When Darkness Falls
- 12** Corn Harvest
Danada Fall Festival
Nature Art and Photo Show
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 13** Corn Harvest
Forest Fitness Walk
- 15** Archery for All Ages
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 17** FullersBird Fridays
Home-Schoolers Nature Hike
- 18** Volunteer Restoration Workday
Winfield Mounds Hike
- 19** Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 20** Art at Mayslake: Adult Painting Begins
Navigation: Compass 101
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 21** Art at Mayslake: Exploring Watercolors Begins
Art at Mayslake: Introduction to Drawing Begins
- 22** Archery for All Ages
- 24** Fishing Clinic for Beginners
Halloween Night Walks
- 25** Halloween Night Walks
Lectures at Mayslake: Surviving the Titanic
Make a Difference Day
Volunteer Restoration Workday
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 26** Fishing for Muskie
- 28** Illinois Prehistoric Life Begins
- 29** Archery for All Ages
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery



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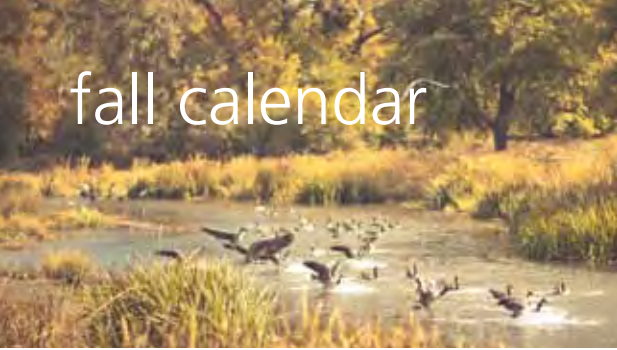
November

- 1** Navigation: Orienteering for Beginners
Paddling: Weekend River Trip Begins
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 2** Navigation: Geocaching
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 3** Forest Fitness Walk
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 5** Music at Mayslake: Picosia
- 7** Sit and Stitch
- 8** Volunteer Restoration Workday
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 9** Illinois Smallmouth Alliance Fishing Show
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 10** Forest Fitness Walk
- 15** Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 16** Archery for All Ages
Introduction to Prescription Burns
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 17** Forest Fitness Walk
- 20** Music at Mayslake: Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
Owl Outing
- 21** Home-Schoolers Nature Hike
- 22** Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 24** Forest Fitness Walk
- 29** Holiday Sweets
- 30** Holiday Sweets

December

- 1** Forest Fitness Walk
- 5** Sit and Stitch
- 6** Christmas on the Farm
Music at Mayslake: Acappellago
Talons and Claus
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 7** Christmas on the Farm
- 8** Art at Mayslake: Adult Painting Begins
Forest Fitness Walk
- 9** Art at Mayslake: Exploring Watercolors Begins
Music at Mayslake: Elmhurst College Jazz Band
- 12** Holiday Market
- 13** Holiday Market
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 14** Make a Snake Ornament
- 16** Home-Schoolers "Animal Tracks" Field Trip
- 17** Archery for Active Adults
- 20** Bird-Count Field Trip
- 30** Night Hike

fall calendar



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Archery for Active Adults

Try your hand at archery at one of DuPage County's most scenic preserves. Equipment provided. Ages 50 and up. Free. Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 933-7248.

Oct 7	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Maple Grove
Dec 17	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Mayslake

Archery for All Ages

Learn basic archery techniques in a family-friendly setting. Equipment provided. Ages 7 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 933-7248.

Oct 1	4 – 5:30 p.m.	Churchill Woods
Oct 5	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Churchill Woods
Oct 15, 22, 29	4 – 5:30 p.m.	Blackwell
Nov 16	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Adult Painting

During these six-part classes for all skill levels, learn about color mixing, composition and elements of design. Mondays except Dec. 22 and 29. Adults only. \$125 per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Oct 20 – Nov 24	Noon – 2:30 p.m.	Mayslake
Dec 8 – Jan 26	Noon – 2:30 p.m.	Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Assemblage Using 3-D Design

Explore the art of assemblage and experience the process of creation from idea to completed sculpture in this six-week course. Materials for the first project are provided. Mondays. Adults only. \$125 per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Oct 6 – Nov 10	1 – 3 p.m.	Mayslake
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Art at Mayslake: Drawing a Collection

Learn drawing techniques using natural history mounts and artifacts as subjects, and get inspired as you create your own collection. Mondays except Nov. 10 and 17. Ages 14 and up. \$165 per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Oct 6 – Dec 8	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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Art at Mayslake: Exploring Watercolors

Enhance your artistic style while painting in a beautiful and relaxed setting. Tuesdays except Dec. 23 and 30. Adults only. \$125 per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Oct 21 – Nov 25	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Mayslake
Dec 9 – Jan 27	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Introduction to Drawing

Learn the basics using simple methods and an array of subjects including a live model. Tuesdays. Adults only. \$125 plus \$10 model fee per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Oct 21 – Nov 25	Noon – 2:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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1890s Living

Kline Creek Farm in West Chicago
Registration is not required for these free programs.
Call (630) 876-5900.

BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS

Stop by the wagon shed to see the blacksmith repair equipment and demonstrate the tools of the trade.

Saturdays 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES HOUSE TOURS

Enjoy the house decked in greens, savor the aroma of holiday treats and see the table set for company.

Dec. 4 – Jan. 5 (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1)

Thursdays – Mondays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the hour



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Bird-Count Field Trip

Join the DuPage Birding Club to search for and record resident species for the annual Christmas Bird Count. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. To register, call at least three business days in advance; groups of five or more must call 10 business days in advance. Call (630) 933-7681.

Dec 20	8 – 11 a.m.	West Chicago Prairie
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Cast-Iron Cooking

Help prepare a hearty meal over an open campfire, and learn tips for cooking with cast iron. Ages 5 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 per person ages 13 and up; \$5 ages 5 – 12. Registration begins Sept. 22. Call (630) 933-7248.

Oct 5	1 – 3:30 p.m.	Blackwell
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Christmas on the Farm

Celebrate a Victorian Christmas inside the farmhouse. Say hello to an old-fashioned Santa, and take your picture in a sleigh. Stop by a warming fire for caroling and hot apple cider. Activities ongoing. All ages. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 876-5900.

Dec 6, 7	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
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Corn Harvest

Help pick, shock, shuck and store the corn that will feed the farm's cows and sheep over winter. Activities ongoing. All ages. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 876-5900.

Oct 11 – 13	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
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Danada Fall Festival

Join a celebration of the horse and the autumn season during the annual Danada Fall Festival, which features a parade of breeds, hayrides, face painting, grooming demonstrations, educational displays, food and more. Activities ongoing. All ages. Free admission and parking. Fees for some activities. Registration not required. Call (630) 668-6012.

Oct 12	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Danada
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Fishing Clinic for Beginners

Learn fish ecology and identification as well as techniques and regulations. Ages 6 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 933-7248.

Oct 3, 24	4 – 6 p.m.	Blackwell
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Fishing for Muskie

Learn how to tell the difference between muskie and northern pike, and learn the structure and habitat muskie prefer. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Oct. 14. Call (630) 933-7248.

Oct 26	9 – 11 a.m.	Mallard Lake
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Forest Fitness Walk

Join a naturalist for a brisk weekly walk, and enjoy some exercise as you take in the wonders of the woods. Adults only. \$6 per person per walk; \$40 per 10-program pass. To register, call (630) 850-8110.

Oct 6	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Mallard Lake
Oct 13	8:30 – 10 a.m.	West DuPage Woods
Nov 3	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Springbrook Prairie
Nov 10	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Danada
Nov 17	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Cricket Creek
Nov 24	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Meacham Grove
Dec 1	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Waterfall Glen
Dec 8	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods

FullersBird Fridays

Join these naturalist-led hikes, and see how the diversity of birds in a forest preserve changes in fall. Adults only. \$6 per person per hike; \$40 per 10-program pass. To register, call (630) 850-8110.

Oct 3	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Oldfield Oaks
Oct 10	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Oct 17	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Hidden Lake



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Cultural Events

Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook
mayslakepeabody.com

ART EXHIBIT BY JUDITH BARATH

View contemporary works of nature-inspired art. All ages. Free. Call (630) 206-9566.

Through Oct. 31

Mondays – Fridays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

FIRST FOLIO THEATRE'S "THE GRAVEDIGGER"

A lone gravedigger finds a hideously scarred man hiding in a fresh grave and begins a harrowing journey as the men discover their shared past with its gruesome and deadly secrets. Adults only. \$22 – \$39. Call (630) 986-8067, or visit firstfolio.org.

Oct. 1 – Nov. 2

Wednesdays – Saturdays 8 p.m.

Sundays 3 p.m.

MAYSLAKE NATURE STUDY AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Enjoy a wide range of inspiring photography. All ages. Free. Call (630) 206-9566.

Nov. 11 – Dec. 10

Mondays – Fridays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

RESTORATION-IN-PROGRESS TOURS

Learn about the past — and future — of this historic 1920s Tudor Revival-style mansion. All ages. \$5 per person. Registration required for group tours. Call (630) 206-9588.

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Saturdays at 9:30, 10, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

No tours Dec. 13 – Jan. 14

Halloween Night Walks

Enjoy Halloween tricks and natural-history tales during a 75-minute walk through the woods after dark. These walks are a spook-tacular treat! All ages. Tickets required. Sales begin Oct. 4 at 9 a.m. at Fullersburg Woods. \$10 per person. Maximum 10 per order. Call (630) 850-8110.

Oct 24, 25	6 – 9 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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Holiday Market

Shop a holiday market featuring a variety of artisan crafts. Part of the proceeds will benefit the next restoration project at Mayslake Hall. All ages. Free admission. Registration not required. Call (630) 206-9566.

Dec 12	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Mayslake
Dec 13	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Mayslake

Holiday Sweets

Learn how to make bright, colorful hard candies, and take home recipes to start your own holiday tradition. Programs begin on the half-hour. All ages. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 876-5900.

Nov 29, 30	12:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
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Home-Schoolers "Animal Tracks" Field Trip

Take a closer look at animal tracks in an indoor setting. Ages 5 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per family. Registration begins Dec. 2. Call (630) 942-6200.

Dec 16	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Willowbrook
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Home-Schoolers Nature Hike

Learn about forest preserves' natural and cultural histories. Ages 5 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per family. Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 942-6200.

Oct 17	2 – 4:30 p.m.	Waterfall Glen
Nov 21	1:30 – 4 p.m.	Warrenville Grove



Illinois Prehistoric Life

This five-part course will review the forms of life that existed on Earth and which lived in Illinois during each period of our planet’s 5 billion-year history. This course is designed for teachers, but all adults are welcome. Tuesdays. Adults only. \$100 per person plus optional \$100 for graduate credit from Aurora University. Registration begins Sept. 29. Call (630) 206-9581 for details and (630) 933-7208 to register.

Oct 28 – Dec 2 6 – 8:30 p.m. Mayslake

Illinois Smallmouth Alliance Fishing Show

Enjoy the fourth annual “Early Show,” Chicagoland’s only fly-fishing show. See demonstrations and products from local vendors. All ages. Admission \$10 per person. Registration not required. Call (630) 206-9566.

Nov 9 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mayslake

Introduction to Prescription Burns

Hear about the how, when and why of the District’s prescription-burn program, and see a burn in progress, weather permitting. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Nov. 3. Call (630) 933-7248.

Nov 16 1 – 3 p.m. Herrick Lake

Lectures at Mayslake: Surviving the Titanic

Join historian Leslie Goddard for a portrayal of Violet Jessop, a stewardess and nurse who survived the sinking of both the Titanic and Britannic. Hear unforgettable stories of the tragedies from the viewpoint of a crew member, and get a glimpse of life behind the scenes on the most glamorous luxury liners of their day. All ages. \$10 per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Oct 25 1 – 2:30 p.m. Mayslake

Make a Difference Day

Share in this national day of helping others by joining a forest preserve workday. All ages; under 14 with an adult. Free. To register, call (630) 933-7681 at least three business days in advance; groups of five or more must call 10 business days in advance.

Oct 25 9 a.m. – Noon East Branch

Make a Snake Ornament

Meet a snake, and make a colorful ornament. Activities ongoing. All ages; under 14 with an adult. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 942-6200.

Dec 14 1 – 3 p.m. Willowbrook

Music at Mayslake: Acappellago

Spend an evening filled with the sounds of a cappella as this chamber choir performs “Escape to ... The Anticipation of Christmas.” Adults only. \$17 per person; \$15 seniors and students. For tickets, visit acappellago.org.

Dec 6 7:30 p.m. Mayslake



Golfing

A round at one of the Forest Preserve District’s three distinct courses is a great way to enjoy the outdoors. Outings and leagues are available for all abilities. For tee times and specials, visit dupagegolf.com.

Oak Meadows Golf Course
18 Holes and Practice Range, Addison, (630) 595-0071

Maple Meadows Golf Course
27 Holes, Wood Dale, (630) 616-8424

Green Meadows Golf Course
9 Holes, Westmont, (630) 810-5330

fall calendar



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Music at Mayslake: Elmhurst College Jazz Band

Enjoy a night of merriment as the Elmhurst College Jazz Band performs holiday favorites. Ages 10 and up with an adult. \$25 cabaret seating; \$20 general admission; \$18 seniors, students and groups of six or more. For tickets, call (630) 206-9566.

Dec 9	7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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Music at Mayslake: Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

Enjoy an evening of classical music as members of the ESO present “Three Sonatas for Viola da Gamba and Harpsichord.” Adults only. \$25 per person; \$23 seniors; \$7 students. For tickets, visit elmhurstsymphony.org.

Nov 20	7:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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Music at Mayslake: Picoso

Join Picoso, a classical ensemble, for their inaugural concert as they present “Mirage.” Adults only. \$25 per person; \$23 seniors; \$5 discount with a donation of nonperishable food to the Hesed House. For tickets, visit picosamusic.org.

Nov 5	7 – 9 p.m.	Mayslake
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Nature Art and Photo Show

Visit the Danada House, and view entries from local artists at the 40th year of this popular show, which features a children’s gallery. The show is presented by the Forest Preserve District and the Friends of Danada. All ages. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 668-5392.

Oct 10, 11	1 – 4 p.m.	Danada
Oct 12	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Danada

Navigation: Compass 101

Learn one of the oldest survival skills, how to use a compass; then, complete a compass course. Ages 7 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Oct. 7. Call (630) 933-7248.

Oct 20	4 – 5 p.m.	Blackwell
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Navigation: Geocaching

Try a popular treasure-hunting activity using a GPS unit to discover hidden caches. Equipment provided. Ages 6 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Oct. 20. Call (630) 933-7248.

Nov 2	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Churchill Woods
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Navigation: Orienteering for Beginners

Learn basic map and compass skills that will help you navigate through all types of terrain. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Oct. 20. Call (630) 933-7248.

Nov 1	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Waterfall Glen
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Night Hike

Begin your celebration of the new year by taking a nighttime hike through woodlands and meadows. Ages 8 and up. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 206-9581.

Dec 30	7:30 – 9 p.m.	Herrick Lake
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Scenic Overlook

Greene Valley Forest Preserve in Naperville

Get a bird’s-eye view from 190 feet above the landscape. Please note that poor weather or Illinois Environmental Protection Agency activities may prevent the overlook from opening or cause it to close early without notice. For more information, call (630) 792-2100.

Through October

Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.



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Owl Outing

Meet a live owl and learn about the unique hunting skills of the owls of DuPage County during a lecture and a hike. Flashlight recommended. Adults only. \$8 per person. To register, call (630) 850-8110.

Nov 20	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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Paddling: Weekend River Trip

Paddle the West Branch DuPage River, and spend the night under the stars during this guided two-day trip, which ends on Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. Equipment provided (300-pound capacity). Ages 14 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$50 per person. Registration begins Oct. 1. Call (630) 933-7248.

Nov 1	10 a.m.	McDowell Grove
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Rambo Scramble

In this 12th annual event, experience a championship golf course in its toughest form, including some pin placements you may never want to see again. All ages. \$65 per person; \$130 per two-person team. To register call (630) 616-8424.

Oct 11	8 a.m.	Maple Meadows
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Sit and Stitch

Enjoy camaraderie and pick up pointers while working on your crocheting, quilting or knitting in the farmhouse. Ages 10 and up; under 15 with an adult. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 876-5900.

Oct 3	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
Nov 7	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
Dec 5	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm

Talons and Claus

Have your picture taken with Santa and his wildlife friends during a holiday open house. Activities ongoing. All ages. Free admission; \$10 per photo. Registration not required. Call (630) 942-6200.

Dec 6	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Willowbrook
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Volunteer Restoration Workday

Help restore a natural area by removing nonnative vegetation or collecting seed. Ages 8 and up; under 14 with an adult. Free. To register, call (630) 933-7681 at least five business days in advance; groups of five or more must call 10 business days in advance.

Oct 4, 18	9 a.m. – Noon	West Chicago Prairie
Oct 5, 18, 19, 25	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook Prairie
Oct 11	9 a.m. – Noon	Fullersburg Woods
Oct 11	1 – 4 p.m.	Springbrook Prairie
Oct 12	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill Woods
Nov 1, 2, 9, 16, 22	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook Prairie
Nov 1, 15	9 a.m. – Noon	West Chicago Prairie
Nov 8	9 a.m. – Noon	Fullersburg Woods
Nov 9	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill Woods
Dec 6	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook Prairie
Dec 6	9 a.m. – Noon	West Chicago Prairie
Dec 13	9 a.m. – Noon	Fullersburg Woods
Dec 13	9 a.m. – Noon	Wayne Grove



Trout Fishing

*Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville
Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve in Wayne
Wood Dale Grove Forest Preserve in Wood Dale*

Fall trout season opens Oct. 18 at 6 a.m. Anglers 16 and older who are not legally disabled must possess valid Illinois fishing licenses with inland trout stamps. For details, call (630) 933-7248.



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Winter Fun

Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville

SNOW TUBING

When there's plenty of snow on Mount Hoy (usually more than 3 inches) thrill-seekers can take a fun 800-foot ride down the hill. Inner tube rentals are \$5 per tube per day and end at 3:30 p.m. Only District tubes are allowed. For snow conditions, call the Outdoor Report at (630) 871-6422.

Saturdays and Sundays Dec. 6 – March 1

Plus Dec. 22 – 24 and Dec. 26

Dec. 29 – Jan. 2

Jan. 19 and Feb. 26

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SNOWSHOES

When Mount Hoy is open, you can also rent snowshoes at the base for trail exploration. Rentals are \$5 for two hours or \$10 per day and end at 2 p.m.

On weekdays when Mount Hoy isn't open but the trails have ample snow, rentals are available 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the District's west sector office on Mack Road. Call (630) 876-5931 for availability.

Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery

Lend a hand weeding, watering, or collecting and cleaning seed. Ages 12 and up; under 16 with an adult. Free. To register, call (630) 933-7681 at least five business days in advance; groups of five or more must call 10 business days in advance.

Oct 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 29	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell
Nov 3, 8	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell



When Darkness Falls

Hike through the dark woods with a ranger, and discover what it's like to use your senses like a nocturnal predator. Ages 6 and up; under 16 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Sept. 29. Call (630) 933-7248.

Oct 11	6 – 8 p.m.	Waterfall Glen
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Winfield Mounds Hike

Join a naturalist-led hike to the only known prehistoric American Indian mounds in DuPage County. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Oct. 4. Call (630) 942-6200.

Oct 18	10 a.m. – Noon	Winfield Mounds
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The Original Color Run

by JAYNE BOHNER, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

If you're in the 5K fun-run fan club, you're likely familiar with the latest trend, the "color run," where volunteers near the finish line shower participants in a rainbow of dyed cornstarch. It's a popular way to race with the masses, but for those who prefer to run on their own time (and to leave the cornstarch to sauces and shortbreads) DuPage County's forest preserves offer several vibrant options with benefits no road, track or treadmill can beat.

Fewer Fumes

Unlike running on roads, when you're running on trails you don't have to worry about smelly tailpipe emissions. Other than the occasional District maintenance or patrol vehicle, DuPage forest preserve trails are auto-free.

No Membership Fee

Granted, there's no towel service, but you can enjoy the trails 365 days a year from one hour after sunrise to one hour after sunset without any initiation fee or monthly charge to your credit card.

Variety

Whether you're looking for a 3-mile power walk or a 9-mile run, there are over 100 miles of trails to choose from. There's no risk of boredom from running in place in front of a mounted flatscreen TV or stopping for the same light at the same intersection day after day. Maps and info on the surrounding scenery are posted on the District's website, dupageforest.org, and you can request a free copy of the District's 24-map trails guide through Visitor Services at (630) 933-7248 or forest@dupageforest.org.



A Better Workout

Because of the change in terrain, you burn more calories running on a trail versus running on a track. Most forest preserve trails are wide, gradually rolling paths of crushed limestone or mowed turf, but they still have enough variation that requires you to use different muscles in your legs and abdomen. (If you're looking for a more challenging trail run, read about Blackwell and Waterfall Glen forest preserves below.)

Great Scenery

This time of year, they're not called "color runs" for nothing. Here's a sample.

Herrick Lake Forest Preserve in Wheaton

Five laps around the 0.7-mile Lake Trail guarantees you two things: your own personal 5K and a double dose of color. On still, sunny days, the water's placid surface mirrors the red and orange crowns of oaks and maples that grow along the shore. For a longer run, 5.6 additional miles lead through the preserve's woodlands and wetlands.

Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in Darien

Waterfall Glen offers runners a changing trail experience. A 9.8-mile loop rises and falls through bluffs and ravines with a series of dips, climbs and curves around mile marker 5 that's one of the most rugged but scenic stretches in the forest preserves. Some of the most mature trees in the county — 180 to 220 years old — grow in this section of the Bluff Savanna, including red and rusty oaks and golden shagbark hickories and black walnuts that illuminate the canopy as well as the air below.

◀ A prairie can be as vivid — if not more so — as any woodland this time of year.

Before taking off on any trail trek, it's always smart to be prepared.

Bring water.

Many DuPage forest preserves have water pumps, and most are shown on the trail maps, but freezing temperatures force the District to shut many of them off this time of year, so always bring your own.

Dress for the occasion.

Limestone trails and lakes can create glare, so sunglasses are a must. After a rain, parts of the trails can get a bit soggy,

so if you're in the market for a new pair of shoes, look into ones that are water-resistant. And as with any outdoor activity, dress in layers, keeping something that can wick away moisture closest to your skin.

Don't forget the other essentials.

Make sure to have a map, and find a comfortable holder for your cell phone and keys. Look for a compact backpack or waist pack for trail running that can also accommodate a water bottle, rain jacket and an energy bar without bouncing around with every stride.

Be alert.

It can be easy to get into "the zone" when you're running, but since most forest preserve trails are for hiking, biking and horseback riding, you need to keep an eye out for fellow runners as well as visitors on two wheels or four hooves. And while the point of this article is to get you excited about running in the forest preserves this time of year, keep your eyes focused on the trail and not on the trees or risk missing a rock or rut along your route. A common guideline is to keep your eyes 3 to 4 feet ahead of your shoes.



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Greene Valley Forest Preserve in Naperville

On the west side of Greene Road, the Main Trail provides a 2.7-mile loop through high-quality oak woodlands that mix fall's rich rusty hues with terrain that gets hillier as you make your way west. Adding the 1.4-mile Thunderbird Spur (2 miles if you run down to the loop and back to the parking lot) takes you near the youth-group campground and an excellent example of how woodlands looked in DuPage County more than a century ago.

Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville

One of the Forest Preserve District's goals has been to acquire lands that create connected expanses of woodlands, wetlands and prairies. Over 10 miles of regional trails thread through one such chain that reaches from Blackwell to Danada Forest Preserve in Wheaton. But for runners looking to channel their inner Walter Payton, Blackwell also offers Mount Hoy, 763 feet of pure leg-pumping, uphill fun. For runners who make their way to the top, there's not only the rush of accomplishment but also a panoramic view of the surrounding lakes and treetops.

Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve in Naperville

Trees aren't the only plants that offer a show this time of year. DuPage County's prairies have plenty of late-season bloomers, including goldenrods and blue and purple asters. Even native grasses such as big bluestem, prairie cord grass and Indian grass are tinged with reds, oranges, yellows and purples. At Springbrook Prairie, the 5.5-mile nationally designated regional trail circles around 1,200 acres of this signature Illinois landscape.

York Woods Forest Preserve in Oak Brook

For runners who prefer good-old asphalt, the trails at York Woods will always be favorites. In many places, the loop created by the 0.6-mile Salt Creek Greenway and 0.4-mile Woodland trails is covered with an auburn canopy of arching bur and white oaks. Around many of the trunks, vines of Virginia creeper turn mauve, red and purple. Even the narrow serrated leaves that cover the crooked branches of smooth sumacs turn crimson, a fitting complement to the shrubs' stiff cones of bright reddish orange berries. •



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◀ You never know who you'll run into on a forest preserve trail.

chirps, calls and chatter that make a run through a forest preserve so special.

Be thoughtful.

If you're running with friends, don't be a trail hog. Run no more than two abreast, and try to keep to the right. Yes, foot traffic is permitted on all forest preserve trails, but if you're running, please try to pick ones that also allow biking. They're wider, and most are covered in crushed limestone or mowed turf, which provides natural but sturdy surfaces that can stand up to pounding feet. Running

on narrow dirt or wood-chip paths not only increases your risk of a sprain but also disturbs the plants and animals that live along the margins.

Take a color break.

You may have to get used to the idea, but accept that it's okay to take a few breaks along the way. You don't have to come to a halt, but slow down so you can walk and wonder at the same time. Use a water break as an excuse if you have to, but don't let fall's short-lived color runs pass you by.

Leave the earphones at home.

They're a popular distraction for many who work out, but you'll be better aware of who's on the trail with you, especially any cyclists calling "passing on your left" from behind, if you don't wear them. You'll also ensure you don't miss the

A Watershed Moment for a Battered Brook

by SCOTT MEISTER, FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT ECOLOGIST



It's DuPage County in the late 1800s.

A rooster calls at first light while a mink patrols streamside in search of a fishy breakfast. A farmer heads to his fields with horse and plow, ready to sow oats and corn in soils made rich with remnant nutrients from little bluestem, purple coneflower and other uprooted prairie plants. Yellow bursts of marsh marigolds blaze like flashes of sunlight within scattered wetland pockets among the cultivated fields.

Fast forward 50 years. Thousands of acres of prairie-formed soils support vigorous crop production for the county's burgeoning population, and farmers, who know that more fertile land exists within the wet pockets of their fields, bury clay tiles to drain the land and deepen, widen and straighten creeks and drainageways to move water quickly away from their crops. Dragonflies lose breeding grounds, great blue herons have fewer places to hunt leopard frogs, and brilliant blooms of orange jewelweed disappear.

It's now 2014. Commuters and SUVs have replaced farmers and plows, and raccoons and other "generalist" species able to live in any habitat have replaced mink and other wetland "specialists" that no longer have the healthy streams and marshes they need to survive. Concrete and asphalt cover moisture-absorbing soils, and local waterways act as stormwater superhighways, carrying ever-increasing amounts of runoff that amplify erosion along the banks. The sediment covers downstream gravel spawning beds for fish, and another ecosystem slowly begins to die.

But the Forest Preserve District and other conservation-minded agencies and individuals are working to bring meandering streams and rebuilt wetlands back to the landscape not only as habitat for wildlife but also as scenic destinations

and floodwater storage areas for people. Efforts at Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve in Naperville and along the West Branch DuPage River are already yielding successes, and beginning this fall the District is set to add over 2 miles of Spring Brook in Blackwell and St. James Farm forest preserves to this valuable inventory.

The Spring Brook watershed covers 7 square miles in Wheaton and Warrenville. Like all watersheds, water above and below the surface that doesn't soak in or evaporate drains to one location, in this case Spring Brook. (The waterway shares a name with one that runs through Naperville and into Will County, but the two are unrelated.) From there it flows into the West Branch DuPage River before reaching the Illinois River and the Mississippi.

The majority of Spring Brook within St. James Farm was straightened and deepened by farmers, so the upcoming restoration work will reconfigure the brook with twists and turns to slow the flow and reduce erosion downstream. Shallower stretches will allow water to overflow into a restored floodplain during storms. A relined creek bed of sand and gravel will give young blackstripe topminnows and other small fish habitat to grow and will support renewed waters where ebony jewelwing damselflies and other aquatic insects can patrol for prey. Away from the brook, the District will re-engineer old drainage-tile channels to allow the former agricultural fields to again hold water — and the forest preserve to store more stormwater and offer vital refuge for Wilson's snipes, marsh wrens, Virginia rails, soras and other wetland specialists.

Within Blackwell, a manmade spillway of concrete, stone and wood dams the brook, creating an artificial lagoon with little flow. Sediment produced by upstream erosion



▲ American mink
(*Neovison vison*)



▲ Wilson's snipe
(*Gallinago delicata*)



▲ Ebony jewelwing damselfly
(*Calopteryx maculata*)



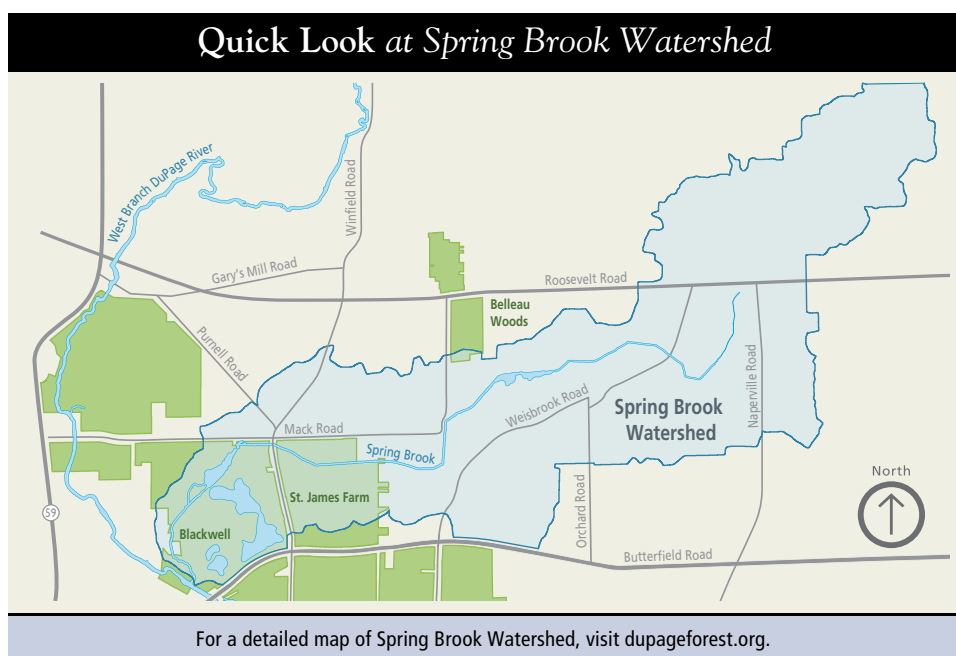
▲ Marsh marigold
(*Caltha palustris*)

that cannot pass through the spillway has accumulated in the lagoon, creating a homogenous bottom that few species of fish will use to spawn. To allow the brook to again flow unimpeded, the second phase of the project will re-route Spring Brook around the spillway. With a new gravel and cobble creek bed and all barriers removed, mussels and nongame fish in the West Branch DuPage River will be free to again colonize in Spring Brook upstream.

If plans proceed as expected, work at St. James Farm should begin this fall and wrap up by the next; planting the adjoining wetlands will follow. Depending on funding, phase two at Blackwell may begin as early as 2016. In any case, the Forest Preserve District and its partners will not be able to succeed with this large-scale project without community support. DuPage County Stormwater Management is encouraging property owners within the watershed to participate in its planning process, and The Conservation Foundation is working with residents on landscaping ideas to reduce the amount of runoff — and the pollutants it carries — that reaches the restored brook. (Because everyone lives in one watershed or another, these particular ideas apply countywide.) The Wetlands Initiative will be doing its part by coordinating volunteer planting

workdays at St. James Farm and Blackwell so everyone can help re-create a verdant wetland. Details on these initiatives are on the District's website at dupageforest.org under Forest Preserve News, Plans and Projects, and Spring Brook Watershed Enhancement.

It will take some time, but with everyone's help, the Spring Brook watershed can once again produce rich yields throughout these two preserves, not those measured in bushels of grain but in calls of chorus frogs, schools of minnows and, of course, the movement of mink in search of the catch of the day. •



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DANADA EQUESTRIAN CENTER

35507 Naperville Road
Wheaton, IL 60189
(630) 668-6012

The center's office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is closed on Saturday, Sunday and select holidays.

FULLERSBURG WOODS NATURE EDUCATION CENTER

3609 Spring Road
Oak Brook, IL 60523
(630) 850-8110

The center is open daily April through October from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. November through March hours may vary. It is closed on select holidays.

KLINE CREEK FARM

1N600 County Farm Road
West Chicago, IL 60185
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The farm is open Thursday through Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and select holidays.

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Oak Brook, IL 60523
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The estate is open only during scheduled programs and events.

WILLOWBROOK WILDLIFE CENTER

525 S. Park Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
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The center and the surrounding Willowbrook Forest Preserve are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are closed on select holidays.

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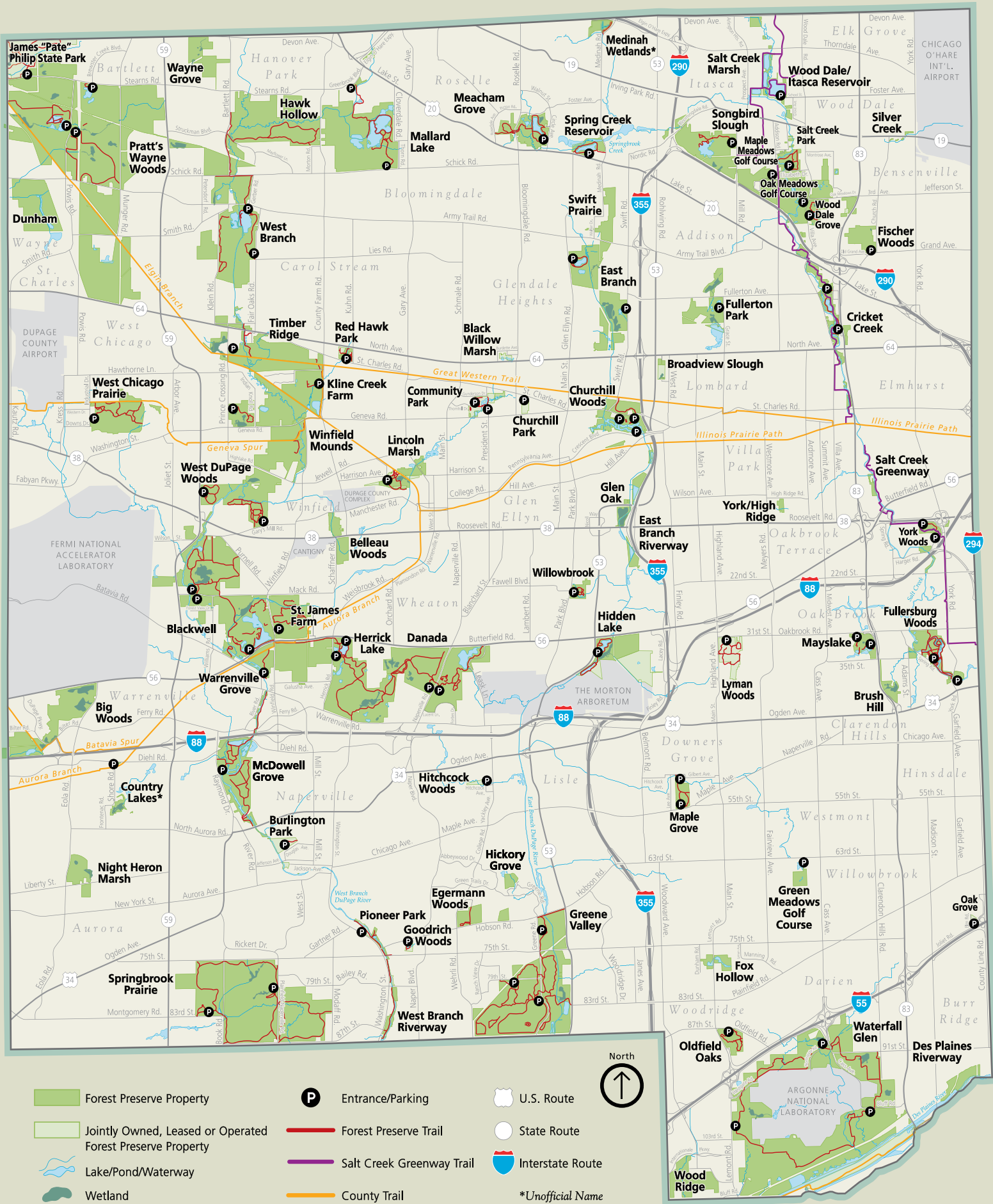


PRESERVE *Hours*

Most forest preserves are open daily from one hour after sunrise until one hour after sunset.

ACCESSIBILITY

Individuals with accessibility needs or concerns should contact the District's ADA coordinator at (630) 933-7683 or TTY (800) 526-0857 at least 48 hours before their visit.





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