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25 YEARS OF Kline Creek Farm

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Surveying DuPage Lakes

From Point A to Point B

ORIENTEERING



from the president



This summer, Kline Creek Farm, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's 1890s living-history farm, is celebrating a quarter century of welcoming visitors. (The early days of this popular educational center are chronicled on Page 20.) This time of year, crops are bolting out of the soil, the heirloom flower garden is blooming with pinks, purples and blues, and the rewards of the kitchen garden are starting to hang from the vines. It's the perfect time to see how land in DuPage County served residents over 120 years ago.

But there are equally great ways to see how our county's open spaces are serving residents today. For starters, the District's 145 miles of trails bring hikers, bikers and horseback riders through some of the most beautiful habitats in the region. Prairies teem with vibrant flowers and waves of big bluestem and other native grasses, and wetlands fill with frogs, dragonflies, turtles, and fishing egrets and great blue herons. Woodlands offer shady respites filled with the sounds of woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches and chattering chipmunks.

Forest Preserve District land also contains over 30 ponds and lakes that bring wildlife watchers closer to mallards, wood ducks, mergansers and muskrats and provide first- and long-time anglers with a relaxing way to spend an afternoon. The District's extensive fisheries management program supports this popular activity not only by stocking game fish throughout the year but also by using scientific survey methods to determine where those stocking efforts will be best served, methods you can read about in "Survey Says" on Page 6.

The county's forest preserves also serve as natural backdrops for camping, boating, picnicking and golfing — even orienteering, the century-old outdoor challenge featured on Page 18.

Summer is in full swing in DuPage County's forest preserves. Don't miss a minute of it!

D. "Dewey" Pierotti Jr.

President, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County



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On the cover: *Rudbeckia* spp. at Kline Creek Farm

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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PROGRESS CONTINUES ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE BEN FULLER HOUSE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The District's Board of Commissioners has accepted two grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to help fund the development of the Ben Fuller Interpretive Center at Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve in Oak Brook.

One of the DCEO grants is for \$100,000 with \$95,000 going to the center and \$5,000 funding a segment of the West Branch Regional Trail between West DuPage Woods Forest Preserve in West Chicago and Winfield Mounds Forest Preserve in Winfield. The interpretive center will receive the total amount of the second grant for \$75,000.

The District is working with the Fullersburg Historic Foundation to stabilize the historic 1840s balloon-frame Ben Fuller House, renovate the first floor to create space for educational programs, and construct a new wing for additional programming space.



DISTRICT TO CO-HOST URBAN STREAM OPEN HOUSE AUG. 2

The Forest Preserve District and its partners will be welcoming the public to the Urban Stream Research Center at Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville Aug. 2 to showcase ongoing efforts to protect the region's watersheds and to demonstrate ways homeowners can help.

Visitors can get their feet wet by helping ecologists collect crayfish and aquatic insects from Spring Brook and can join tours inside the center for a rare look at the equipment ecologists use to propagate freshwater mussels and state-endangered Blanding's turtles. Outdoor stations will offer a look at invasive aquatic species, native water-loving plants, and the upcoming large-scale restoration project along Spring Brook, which runs in part through St. James Farm and Blackwell forest preserves. Homeowners can learn how rain barrels and simple landscaping techniques can lower the effect they have on local waterways, and residents who live within the Spring Brook watershed can sign up to join the multiagency restoration initiative. See Page 17 for more information on this special event.



DISTRICT FLEET RECEIVES TOP SPOTS ON NATIONAL LISTS

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has received two honors for outstanding fleet operations, finishing 48th in the “100 Best Fleets of North America” program for 2014 and earning a spot in Government Fleet magazine’s inaugural list of top 50 “Leading Fleets.” The District has received the “100 Best Fleets” designation for three consecutive years and was the only conservation agency to make the “Leading Fleets” list. Both programs honor the best of North America’s municipal, county, state and federal fleets.

The District’s fleet is distinct not only because of its variety of vehicles but also because of its widespread use of alternative fuels. In-house crews maintain equipment from trucks and standard passenger cars to mowers and tractors, most of which run on alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas, liquid propane gas, E85 and biodiesel. The use of these alternatives has lowered fuel expenditures, reduced tailpipe emissions and lengthened vehicle lifespans.

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.



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MAYSLAKE OFF-LEASH DOG AREA

This July, the Forest Preserve District will cut the ribbon on the newly renovated 4-acre off-leash dog area at Mayslake Forest Preserve in Oak Brook. Improvements will include a separate 0.5-acre fenced area for small dogs and two new minishelters and benches, which will provide additional seating along a new 0.25-mile looped limestone trail. Trees will provide added shade and protection from the wind, and between the shelters and the active play areas, synthetic turf will provide a more durable surface that will hold up to the anticipated heavy traffic.

To make the entire central area more usable, the Forest Preserve District has regraded the site, amended soils, and added drainage tiles and a basin to remove and filter stormwater runoff, which will reduce the development of muddy areas.

To celebrate the reopening of this popular area, the District will be hosting “Hot Diggity Dog Day” on Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. See the listing on Page 14 for details.

Survey Says...

The Science of Sizing Up the Fish of the Forest Preserves

by **DAN GRIGAS**, FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT ECOLOGIST



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When I say that I'm a fisheries ecologist, the first thing I usually hear is, "Cool." The second is, "What's that?" Although it's tempting to explain how I study and monitor the life histories, reproduction, community dynamics, interconnected relationships, and habitat preferences of all things aquatic, in most cases, I simply say that I work to create healthy populations of fish within forest preserve waters. To reach that end, we use different tools here at the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, but one of the most important is the fish survey.

Fish surveys tell ecologists which types of fish live in a body of water, but they also reveal if any species, size class or age group is dominant — or becoming too dominant. There are several ways to conduct surveys, but the two techniques the District uses the most are electrofishing and fyke netting.

As the name suggests, electrofishing uses an electrical current to collect fish. It can be done day or night with backpacks and barges or electrified nets, but in most cases, District crews use a boat, which requires two to three well-trained people: one to drive the boat and control the electrical output and one or two to collect the fish with dip nets. Because they're mixing water with electricity, everyone on board wears protective gear and follows stringent safety protocols.



◀ Ecologists use surveys to ensure lakes contain the right balance of aquatic life, a plus for animals and anglers alike.

A gas generator on the boat sends an electrical current to a conductor on the end of a boom on the bow. When the conductor enters the water, the current flows to the bottom of the boat, which acts as a second conductor. The electricity affects the physiology of fish that swim through the current. In some cases, it produces involuntary muscle spasms that propel them closer to the boom. If they get close enough, they're temporarily stunned and float belly up and into a waiting net. The fish then go into a live well filled with aerated fresh water where they remain until the end of the survey run, when ecologists record their data and return them to the lake unharmed.

Electrofishing is useful, but it has its limitations. It only reaches fish within a few feet of the boat, which means that

“Counting fish is like counting trees except they’re invisible and keep moving.”

—JOHN SHEPHERD, MARINE BIOLOGIST

daytime surveys may exclude cooler-water fish that stay in deeper waters, such as walleye. Water chemistry can affect the strength of the electrical field and how fish respond to it, and the physiology of a fish’s shape, species and size can influence how susceptible it is to capture.

Fyke netting is a complementary but more passive survey method. Ecologists place a framed net in shallow water and anchor it with a lead line that runs perpendicular to the shore. Overnight, some of the fish that feed along the shore will swim up to the lead and follow it right into the net. Fyke nets target perch, crappie, bluegill, walleye, northern pike and other species that visit shallower waters at night. Mini-fyke nets work with minnows and fish born earlier in the year, which both stay close to shore for long periods of time.

Of course none of the techniques the District uses can give an exact count of every fish that’s in a body of water. As renowned marine biologist John Shepherd once said, “Counting fish is like counting trees except they’re invisible and keep moving.” But by logging the species, length and weight of each fish they survey, ecologists can make confident generalizations about growth, health, reproductive success, population size, and “recruitment,” the number of fish that make it past their first year. For instance, if electrofishing during the day in spring produces 60 smallmouth bass in 60 minutes, the lake likely has a healthy smallmouth bass population. If the same hour produces a lot of 6-inch bluegills



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▲ Underwater fyke nets target fish that feed along the shore.



▲ A specially equipped boat uses electrical currents to temporarily stun nearby fish, allowing ecologists to net them for study.

but a handful of bass over 7 or 8 inches, it may mean that bluegill are dominating the lake and occupying so much space that they’re stunting the growth of the bass.

This past spring, surveys at Herrick Lake at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve in Wheaton were particularly valuable to the District’s fisheries management efforts. Year-round, submerged aquatic plants use sunlight to produce oxygen via photosynthesis, but when thick ice and deep snow — conditions prevalent last winter — prevent light from reaching the plants, the process stops. This can be detrimental to fish, which need dissolved oxygen to survive, and at Herrick Lake, the spring thaw revealed scores of dead fish. Localized die-offs can occur naturally any winter and aren’t necessarily a sign that an ecosystem is in trouble, but at Herrick Lake, spring electrofishing surveys failed to produce one bass, and fyke nets showed an absence of minnows and other nongame forage fish, species that anglers don’t target but that feed the ones they do. Fortunately, these findings will help the District rebuild the lake’s vital communities.

Fisheries ecologists have been able to discover a great deal about the aquatic life that lives in our county’s waters, and as new and existing techniques reveal even more fascinating information, I’m happy to say I’m one of them. •



▲ By recording the species, length and weight of fish, researchers can get a picture of the overall makeup of a lake or river.

summer calendar

See pages 11 through 17 for program descriptions.
Cancellation policies vary by program.



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July

- 1** Archery for All Ages
Art at Mayslake: Exploring Watercolors Begins
Twilight Tuesdays
- 2** Archery for All Ages
- 3** Evening in the Country
- 6** Paddling: Paddle With a Ranger
- 7** Art at Mayslake: Assemblage Using 3-D Design Begins
Paddling: Kayaking Basics
- 8** Twilight Tuesdays
- 10** Archery for All Ages
- 11** Fishing Clinic for Beginners
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 12** St. James Farm Saturdays:
The 1906 Burlington & Quincy Caboose
- 14** Art at Mayslake: Drawing Workshop Begins
- 15** Fishing Clinic for Kids
Twilight Tuesdays
- 16** Archery for All Ages

- 19** Archery for All Ages
Paddling: Weekend River Trip Begins
St. James Farm Saturdays: Nature Walk
Volunteer Restoration Workday
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 21** Paddling: Kayaking Basics
- 22** Home-Schoolers Nature Hike
Music at Mayslake: Chicago Gay Men's Chorus
Twilight Tuesdays
- 23** Archery Fun Shoot
Ranger Trek Junior
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 24** Fishing Flowing Waters
- 25** Fishing With Slip Bobbers
- 26** Blackwell History Hike
Hot Diggity Dog Day
St. James Farm Saturdays: Art Tour
- 28** Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 29** Twilight Tuesdays
- 30** Art at Mayslake: Introduction to
Relief Printmaking Begins
Navigation: Geocaching



August

- 1** Sit and Stitch
- 2** Archery Open House
St. James Farm Saturdays: Cultural and Natural History
Urban Stream Research Center Open House
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 4** Art at Mayslake: Girls Write On! Begins
Paddling: Kayaking Basics
- 5** Archery for All Ages
- 6** Archery in Detail Begins
Paddling: Kayaking Basics
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 7** Evening in the Country
Fishing: Hook, Line and Sinker
- 8** Fishing Clinic for Beginners
- 9** Field Exploration
Paddling: Salt Creek History Tour
St. James Farm Saturdays:
The 1906 Burlington & Quincy Caboose
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 11** Art at Mayslake: Teen Art Camp Begins
- 14** Archery for All Ages
- 15** Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 16** Blackwell History Hike
St. James Farm Saturdays: Nature Walk
Trek Sawmill Creek
- 19** Archery for All Ages
- 20** Archery Fun Shoot
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 22** Fishing: Catching and Cooking Catfish
Home-Schoolers Nature Hike
- 23** Paddling: Salt Creek at Sunset
St. James Farm Saturdays: Art Tour
- 24** Fishing Off the Beaten Path
- 25** Paddling: Kayaking Basics
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 26** Fishing for Bass
- 27** Archery for Adults
- 29** Fishing for Bass
FullersBird Fridays
- 30** Country Fair
Night Hike and S'more-gasbord
- 31** Country Fair



September

- 2** Art at Mayslake: Exploring Watercolors Begins
- 5** FullersBird Fridays
Sit and Stitch
- 6** Archery for All Ages
Blackwell History Hike
St. James Farm Saturdays: Cultural and Natural History
Volunteer Restoration Workday
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 8** Forest Fitness Walk
Paddling: Kayaking Basics
- 10** Archery for All Ages
- 11** Paddling: Kayaking Basics
- 12** FullersBird Fridays
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 13** Dairy Day at St. James Farm
St. James Farm Saturdays:
The 1906 Burlington & Quincy Caboose
Volunteer Restoration Workday
When Darkness Falls
- 14** Archery for All Ages
- 15** Art at Mayslake:
Abstract Landscapes Through Collage Begins
Forest Fitness Walk
Navigation: Compass 101
- 16** Home-Schoolers Nature Hike
Lectures at Mayslake:
A Short Course on the Long History of Golf
- 17** Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 18** "Step Up and Volunteer!" Info Session
- 19** Fishing for Bass
FullersBird Fridays
- 20** St. James Farm Saturdays: Nature Walk
- 21** Navigation: Orienteering for Beginners
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 22** Forest Fitness Walk
Paddling: Kayaking Basics
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 24** Archery for Active Adults
Archery for All Ages
- 25** Mayslake at Night
- 26** Fishing for Bass
FullersBird Fridays
Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery
- 27** St. James Farm Saturdays: Art Tour
St. Jimmy Shimmy 5K
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 28** Paddling: Paddle With a Ranger
- 29** Forest Fitness Walk



Archery for Active Adults

Try your hand at archery at one of the county's most scenic preserves. Equipment provided. Ages 50 and up. Free. Registration begins Sept. 10. Call (630) 933-7248.

Sep 24	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Salt Creek Park
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Archery for Adults

Learn the history and basic techniques of archery at this adults-only clinic. Equipment provided. Ages 18 and up. Free. Registration begins Aug. 13. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 27	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Churchill Woods
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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.

Jul 1, 19	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Churchill Woods
Jul 2, 16	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Blackwell
Jul 10	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Maple Grove
Jul 16	4:30 – 6 p.m.	Salt Creek Park
Aug 5	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Churchill Woods
Aug 14	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Salt Creek Park
Aug 19	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Maple Grove
Sep 6, 14	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Churchill Woods
Sep 10, 24	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Blackwell

Archery Fun Shoot

Sign up for this tournament for novices with awards for the top three competitors. Bring your own equipment; no crossbows. Some equipment for loan for free. Ages 7 – 16 with an adult. Free. Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 23	6 – 8 p.m.	Blackwell
Aug 20	5 – 7 p.m.	Blackwell

Archery in Detail

During this two-part program, learn about safety, equipment, shooting form, whistle commands and target scoring. Equipment provided. Ages 8 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins July 23. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 6, 13	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Blackwell
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Archery Open House

Introduce your family to this popular sport, and learn about its history and equipment. Then, cover some of the basics with a certified instructor. Equipment provided. See the “Urban Stream Research Center Open House” listing for more to do while you’re there. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 2	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Blackwell
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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.

CHILDREN'S FARM CHORES

Kids, learn firsthand how 1890s children helped around the house and farm. On Mondays, help with mom's chores; on Thursdays, dad's.

Through Aug. 28

Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

Spread a blanket on the ground, and enjoy an hour of popular children's stories from the 1890s.

Through Aug. 25

Mondays at 10 a.m.

MEET THE BEEKEEPERS

Learn about beekeeping equipment and the important role that bees play in our food supply.

Sundays 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

summer calendar



Art at Mayslake: Abstract Landscapes Through Collage

Use the environment as inspiration and create landscapes while working with basic design principles during this eight-week course. Mondays. Adults only. \$165 plus \$15 supply fee per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Sep 15 – Nov 3 9 – 11:30 a.m. Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Assemblage Using 3-D Design

Explore the art of assemblage by examining the context of objects, materiality and the creation of connections through sculpture during this six-week course. Mondays. Adults only. \$125 per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Jul 7 – Aug 11 3:30 – 5 p.m. Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Drawing Workshop

Use different materials and subject matters and get creative while gaining a better understanding of the fundamentals of drawing during this two-day workshop. Adults only. \$90 per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Jul 14, 15 5 – 8 p.m. Mayslake



Canoe, Kayak and Rowboat Rentals

Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville
Herrick Lake Forest Preserve in Wheaton

Explore two forest preserve lakes from a different point of view. The last boat of the day goes out one hour before the rental area closes. Canoes, kayaks and rowboats are \$10 per hour and \$50 per day. Rowboats with trolling motors (Blackwell only) are \$15 per hour and \$75 per day. For details, call (630) 933-7248.

Through Labor Day

Weekdays 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Holidays and Weekends 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 6 – 28

Weekends Only 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Art at Mayslake: Exploring Watercolors

Enhance your artistic style while painting in a beautiful and relaxed setting. Tuesdays. Adults only. \$165 per person for eight-part program starting July 1; \$125 for six-part program starting Sept. 2. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Jul 1 – Aug 19 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mayslake
Sep 2 – Oct 7 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Girls Write On!

Learn different writing techniques at this girls-only five-day camp. Ages 11 – 14. \$140 per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Aug 4 – 8 9:30 a.m. – Noon Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Introduction to Relief Printmaking

Learn the basics, and use linoleum to create hand-printed works of art during this six-week course. Wednesdays. Adults only. \$125 plus \$10 supply fee per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Jul 30 – Sep 3 9 – 10:30 a.m. Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Teen Art Camp

Teens, explore a range of artistic techniques using traditional and unconventional drawing practices in this five-day camp. Ages 13 – 18. \$200 plus \$35 supply fee per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Aug 11 – 15 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mayslake

Blackwell History Hike

Learn about the natural and cultural history of this preserve on a 2-mile ranger-led hike. All ages; under 16 with an adult. Free. Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 26 9 – 11 a.m. Blackwell
Aug 16 9 – 11 a.m. Blackwell
Sep 6 9 – 11 a.m. Blackwell

Country Fair

Experience an old-fashioned fair from the county's agricultural past featuring blue ribbons, games, authentic tools and equipment, and first-class entertainment including Professor Marvel's Amazing Flea Circus. All ages. Free. Registration not required Call (630) 876-5900.

Aug 30, 31 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kline Creek Farm



Dairy Day at St. James Farm

Learn about dairy farming in the early 1900s and the role the CA&E Railroad played in getting milk to the Chicago area. Try your hand at making butter, and milk Maggie the Milking Cow. All ages. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 933-7248.

Sep 13	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	St. James Farm
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Evening in the Country

Explore the farm at dusk and celebrate Kline Creek Farm's 25th anniversary during a special evening featuring party activities. Pack a picnic dinner to enjoy on the grounds, and explore the farm's historic buildings. All ages. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 876-5900.

Jul 3	5 – 8 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
Aug 7	5 – 8 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm

Field Exploration

Observe birds, butterflies and wildflowers at this Illinois nature preserve. Ages 8 and up; under 14 with an adult. Free. Groups of 10 or more must register. Call (630) 933-7681.

Aug 9	8 – 11 a.m.	West Chicago Prairie
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Fishing: Catching and Cooking Catfish

Learn tips and tricks for catching and handling "Mr. Whiskers" during this hands-on clinic, and then enjoy a catfish dinner. All ages; under 16 with an adult. \$15 per person ages 13 and up; \$10 ages 5 – 12; under 5 free. Registration begins Aug. 8. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 22	5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Blackwell
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Fishing Clinic for Beginners

Learn fish ecology and identification as well as techniques and regulations. Ages 7 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 11	6 – 8 p.m.	Blackwell
Aug 8	6 – 8 p.m.	Herrick Lake

Fishing Clinic for Kids

Learn about different kinds of fish, the best ways to catch them and rules to remember. Ages 6 – 17 with an adult. Free. Registration begins July 1. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 15	5 – 7 p.m.	Mayslake
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Fishing Flowing Waters

Learn techniques for fishing in rivers and streams at this intermediate-level clinic. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins July 10. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 24	6 – 8 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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Fishing for Bass

Check out some of the most effective bass lures on the market, and try them on one of the county's best bass lakes. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 26	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Meacham Grove
Aug 29	5 – 7 p.m.	Pratt's Wayne Woods
Sep 19	4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Herrick Lake
Sep 26	4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Songbird Slough

Fishing: Hook, Line and Sinker

Learn how to fish on the lake bottom for a variety of species. Ages 8 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins July 24. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 7	6 – 8 p.m.	Meacham Grove
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Fishing off the Beaten Path

Join a ranger for a 2-mile hike with fishing along the way. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Aug. 11. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 24	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Waterfall Glen
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Covered Wagon Tours

St. James Farm Forest Preserve in Warrenville

Enjoy a 30-minute guided covered wagon ride, and learn about the natural and cultural history of St. James Farm. \$5 per person ages 13 and up; \$2 ages 5 – 12; under 5 free. Registration not required. Call (630) 933-7248.

Through Sept. 28

**Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays
11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

summer calendar

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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. Registration not required. Call (630) 206-9566.

Sept. 17 – Oct. 31

Mondays – Fridays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CANINE CROSSROADS:

THE PEABODYS AND THEIR DOGS

Learn about the Peabody family and their dogs at this exhibit featuring photos, newspaper clippings and other artifacts. All ages. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 206-9566.

July 1 – Aug. 15

Mondays – Fridays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

FIRST FOLIO THEATRE'S

"THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR"

Seeking to restore his riches, Falstaff sets out to seduce the wives of Windsor's two most prominent men. But the wooed women see through his schemes, and his plans go awry — with disastrous and hilarious consequences. Ages 10 and up with an adult. \$22 – 37 per person. For tickets, call (630) 986-8067, or visit www.firstfolio.org.

July 9 – Aug. 10

Wednesdays – Sundays at 8:15 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.



Fishing With Slip Bobbers

Learn one of the most effective techniques for fishing with live bait. Ages 10 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Registration begins July 11. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 25

6 – 8 p.m.

St. James Farm

Forest Fitness Walk

Join a naturalist for a brisk weekly walk 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.

Sep 8

8:30 – 10 a.m.

Fullersburg Woods

Sep 15

8:30 – 10 a.m.

Oldfield Oaks

Sep 22

8:30 – 10 a.m.

Greene Valley

Sep 29

8:30 – 10 a.m.

Blackwell

FullersBird Fridays

See how the diversity of birds changes from summer to fall at these naturalist-led hikes. Adults only. \$6 per person per hike; \$40 per 10-program pass. To register, call (630) 850-8110.

Aug 29

7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Fullersburg Woods

Sep 5, 12, 26

7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Fullersburg Woods

Sep 19

7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Lyman Woods

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.

Jul 22

9 – 11 a.m.

Blackwell

Aug 22

2 – 4 p.m.

West DuPage Woods

Sep 16

2 – 4 p.m.

West DuPage Woods

Hot Diggity Dog Day

Bring your canine companion for games, demonstrations, exhibits and more four-legged fun. At 1:30 p.m. join a parade to the recently renovated off-leash dog area for a grand reopening ceremony. Each dog must possess a valid, pre-purchased District permit to use the off-leash area. All ages. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 206-9566.

Jul 26

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mayslake



Lectures at Mayslake: A Short Course on the Long History of Golf

Join Peter Longo, PGA trick-shot artist, WGN-TV personality, golf historian and humorist, to learn about the history of golf during this fun, educational lecture. All ages. \$5 per person. To register, call (630) 206-9566.

Sep 16 7 – 8 p.m. Mayslake

Mayslake at Night

Experience nighttime sights and sounds while exploring the woods, lakeshore and grounds around Mayslake Hall. Ages 6 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Sept. 11. Call (630) 206-9581.

Sep 25 7:30 – 9 p.m. Mayslake

Music at Mayslake: Chicago Gay Men's Chorus

Enjoy the cabaret-style concert "Some Like It Hot," featuring the music of Disney. Ages 8 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$50 VIP seating; \$35 general admission. For tickets, call (773) 296-0541 or visit cgmc.org.

Jul 22 7:30 p.m. Mayslake

Navigation: Compass 101

Learn one of the oldest survival skills, how to use a compass; then, complete a compass course. Equipment provided. Ages 7 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Sept. 2. Call (630) 933-7248.

Sep 15 6 – 7 p.m. Blackwell

Navigation: Geocaching

Try a popular treasure-hunting activity using a GPS unit to discover hidden caches. Equipment provided. Ages 6 and up; under 16 with an adult. Free. Registration begins July 16. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 30 10 – 11:30 a.m. Churchill Woods

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 Sept. 8. Call (630) 933-7248.

Sep 21 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Waterfall Glen

Night Hike and S'more-gasbord

Discover the creatures that come out at night during a self-guided hike. Then, stop by the campfire and try different s'more recipes — or create your own concoction. All ages; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. To register, call (630) 850-8110.

Aug 30 7 – 9 p.m. Fullersburg Woods

Paddling: Kayaking Basics

Learn the basics, such as parts of the boat and paddling strokes. Equipment provided (300-pound capacity). Ages 14 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$20 per person. Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 7, 21	6 – 8 p.m.	Herrick Lake
Aug 4	6 – 8 p.m.	Herrick Lake
Aug 6	10 a.m. – Noon	Wood Dale Grove
Aug 25	5 – 7 p.m.	Herrick Lake
Sep 8, 22	4 – 6 p.m.	Herrick Lake
Sep 11	5 – 7 p.m.	Hidden Lake

Paddling: Paddle With a Ranger

Explore Salt Creek during a guided tour. Ages 14 and up; under 18 with an adult. Bring your own canoe or kayak to this free program, or rent a kayak for \$20 per person (300-pound capacity). Registration begins two weeks prior. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 6	9 – 11:30 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Sep 28	9 – 11:30 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods

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

summer calendar



Paddling: Salt Creek at Sunset

Join a ranger for an evening along Salt Creek. Ages 14 and up; under 18 with an adult. Bring your own canoe or kayak to this free program, or rent a kayak for \$20 per person (300-pound capacity). Registration begins Aug. 10. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 23	5 – 7:30 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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Paddling: Salt Creek History Tour

Hear about the natural and cultural history of Fullersburg Woods and Salt Creek during a ranger-led paddle. Ages 14 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 per person. Bring your own canoe or kayak, or rent a kayak for an additional \$20 per person (300-pound capacity). Registration begins July 28. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 9	9 – 11:30 a.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 July 20 at 1 p.m. Equipment provided (300-pound capacity). Ages 14 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$50 per person. Registration begins July 7. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 19	11 a.m.	McDowell Grove
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Ranger Trek Junior

Learn about the critters that call the forest preserves home, and join a ranger on a hike to explore different habitats. Ages 10 and under with an adult. Free. Registration begins July 9. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 23	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Waterfall Glen
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Family Camping

Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville

The campground has over 60 wooded and semiwooded sites, and nature programs are available all season. For fees and permits, call (630) 933-7248.

June 27 – July 6 Daily
July 10 – Sept. 27 Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights

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.

Aug 1	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
Sep 5	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm

"Step Up and Volunteer!" Info Session

Get information on the Forest Preserve District's volunteer programs, ask questions, and decide which option fits your interests and schedule. All ages; under 14 with an adult. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 933-7681.

Sep 18	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Danada/Headquarters
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St. James Farm Saturdays: The 1906 Burlington & Quincy Caboose

Hear about the onboard lives of the conductor and brakeman and CA&E Railroad's connection to the preserve. \$5 per person ages 13 and up; \$2 ages 5 – 12; under 5 free. Registration not required. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 12	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm
Aug 9	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm
Sep 13	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm

St. James Farm Saturdays: Art Tour

Discover the inspirations and interpretations of pieces installed throughout the grounds. \$5 per person ages 13 and up; \$2 ages 5 – 12; under 5 free. Registration not required. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 26	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm
Aug 23	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm
Sep 27	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm

St. James Farm Saturdays: Cultural and Natural History

Learn about the farm's beginnings and its development during a leisurely 1-mile walk. Ages 5 and up; under 13 with an adult. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 2	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm
Sep 6	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm



St. James Farm Saturdays: Nature Walk

Examine blooming native plants along the trails and in the prairies during a relaxing 1-mile walk. Ages 5 and up; under 13 with an adult. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 933-7248.

Jul 19	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm
Aug 16	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm
Sep 20	Noon, 1 p.m.	St. James Farm

St. Jimmy Shimmy 5K

Enjoy the beauty of this preserve as you run or walk over a diverse course. All ages; under 17 with an adult. \$39 per person. For registration information, visit dupageforest.org or call (630) 933-7248.

Sep 27	5 – 8 p.m.	St. James Farm
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Trek Sawmill Creek

Join a ranger-led hike and discover what lurks in and around Sawmill Creek. Ages 6 and up; under 16 with an adult. Free. Registration begins Aug. 4. Call (630) 933-7248.

Aug 16	9 a.m. – Noon	Waterfall Glen
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Twilight Tuesdays

Stop by the visitor center or take a walk to discover the insects, birds and mammals that begin to stir when the sun starts to set. All ages; under 16 with an adult. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 850-8110.

Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	5 – 9 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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Urban Stream Research Center Open House

Get your shoes wet, and help search for crayfish, aquatic insects and freshwater mussels along Spring Brook. Learn how the District and its partners are working to restore this valuable waterway and how you can become an active member in your watershed. Then, take a behind-the-scenes tour of the innovative center to see how the District is fighting aquatic invasive species and propagating native freshwater mussels and turtles. See the “Archery Open House” listing for more to do while you’re there. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration not required. Call (630) 933-7227.

Aug 2	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Blackwell
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Volunteer Restoration Workday

Help restore a natural area by removing nonnative plants or seeding. Ages 8 and up; under 18 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 days in advance.

Jul 19	8 – 11 a.m.	West Chicago Prairie
Aug 9	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook Prairie
Sep 6, 21	9 a.m. – Noon	West Chicago Prairie
Sep 13	9 a.m. – Noon	Fullersburg Woods
Sep 27	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook Prairie

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 days in advance.

Jul 11, 19, 23, 28	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell
Aug 2, 6, 15, 20, 25	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell
Sep 6, 12, 17, 22, 26	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. 2. Call (630) 933-7248.

Sep 13	7 – 9 p.m.	Waterfall Glen
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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.



Staying the Course

by **SUSAN LAWRENCE**, FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT RANGER

It began as a land-navigation training exercise for military officers in Scandinavia in the late 1800s. By the 1930s it had transformed into an international athletic competition, and by the 1960s it had spread across the United States. Today, you can test your skills right here in a DuPage County forest preserve. So what activity is almost as old as baseball but is one you've likely never heard of? Orienteering!

Orienteering is a competitive activity that combines racing and land navigation. Fans often call it the “thinking sport” because it requires the ability not only to read a compass and map but also to relate features on the map to features on the ground to determine the fastest way to get from point A to point B. In competitions, the goal is to finish the course as quickly as possible. In recreational or educational settings, the goal is to improve navigation skills while enjoying time outdoors.

A standard orienteering course consists of a start, a series of “control sites” and a finish. The control sites are physical features in the landscape that participants need to visit along the

way. Each is marked with an orange and white flag or post and has either a punch or a two-letter code participants must mark on their course cards to verify they reached the locations. Depending on the course, orienteering can take place on skis or mountain bikes or even in canoes, but the oldest and the most popular version is “foot” orienteering, or simply “orienteering.”

To navigate a course, participants use a compass and a detailed five-color map that follows International Orienteering Federation standards. Brown lines on the map represent elevation and other land features; white, yellows and greens show vegetation density. Blue represents water, and black marks the location of boulders and manmade objects. The symbols for start and finish and the lines and numbered circles that show the location of each control site and in which order participants need to find them are always magenta.

Each map also has an eight-column chart with each column providing a specific type of detail. For instance, the first column, or column “A,” gives the site number. Column D contains a symbol for the feature that's at the site, such as a marsh, small depression, hill, trail or remains of a building. Column C shows if there's a similar feature nearby and if so,





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2	102	⊠	↖	⊙
3	103	↖	↗	✓
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5	105	↖		<
6	106	←	•	
7	107	≡		⊙
8	108	↓	⊙	⊙
9	109	⊠		⊙
10	110	↓	↖	↗
11	111	⊙		⊙
12	112	⊠	↖	×
		160m		

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Each orienteering map contains a grid with international symbols that show which type of geological or manmade feature is near each control site.

in which direction. Column G may indicate where the control post is in relation to the feature from column D.

Maps can also include a list of special instructions, or “clues,” for each control site that underscore features illustrated on the map, such as “trail junction,” “hill southwest side” or “southern small depression west side.”

So how did this international activity make its way to DuPage County’s forest preserves? Over 20 years ago, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County began a partnership with the Chicago Area Orienteering Club, whose members helped to create maps for six courses of varying lengths and difficulties at Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in Darien. At the time, the forest preserve didn’t have its current 9.5 miles of looped trails, and the understory vegetation that grew in its woodlands was far less dense. Groups had to request maps through the U.S. mail or had to make reservations to get the combination to an onsite lockbox that contained maps. Today, however, CAOC members, who have hosted countless competitions at Waterfall Glen, are again generously donating their time to help the District update the courses.

Forest Preserve District rangers and CAOC members have recently spent hours at Waterfall Glen walking the woods and trails and discussing the terrain to create new courses for youth groups, schools, ROTC units and casual visitors. The

CAOC has created maps for four new courses in the footprint of the previous six: two beginner, one intermediate and one advanced. The completed map for one of the beginner courses is online along with an instruction booklet at dupageforest.org under “Things to Do,” “Recreational Activities” and “Navigation and Wayfinding.” The rest of the maps will be online this fall. There isn’t a fee to use the courses at Waterfall Glen, but groups of 25 or more need to request free permits through Visitor Services weekdays at (630) 933-7248.

As with any forest preserve activity, it’s always wise to take a few basic safety precautions when traversing across an orienteering course. Bring a compass so you can always orient your map to north. Wear suitable footwear, such as light hiking boots or running shoes, and long pants. (Most courses take you off the beaten path and through fields and woods.) Learn how to identify poison ivy so you can avoid it as much as possible, and carry water, sunscreen and bug spray. You never know what daily conditions will bring.

The Forest Preserve District will be hosting orienteering programs this fall, but for people who are itching to start, this summer’s calendar features “Orienteering for Beginners” on Sept. 21 at Waterfall Glen. (See Page 15 for details.) Join us, and learn how orienteering in DuPage forest preserves can put you on the map! •

Welcoming Visitors for 25 years

by KEITH MCCLOW, KLINE CREEK FARM SITE MANAGER

In 1835 Dutch farmer Casper Kline received a federal grant for 39 acres and began a homestead near the corner of today's County Farm and Geneva roads in West Chicago. Now, 180 years and 160 additional acres later, the land holds a regional agricultural icon that's celebrating a quarter century of welcoming visitors to the 1890s.

Kline Creek Farm started as an idea of Chuck Johnson, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's second executive director, who wanted to create an educational center devoted to the county's agriculture heritage. In the 1960s, farms were disappearing, and people were losing touch with the food supply. In 1966 the District saw the Kline farm's original buildings, intact farmland and picturesque creek as the ideal location for such an endeavor, and in 1969 the agency purchased the land.

In 1978 the District contracted with graduate students to start researching the farm's history, and in 1983 it hired the first employees. The farm wouldn't be open on a regular basis for another six years, but there was much to be done. The District had to determine how it was going to operate the farm. What buildings would stay and which would go? What types of programs would it offer? More importantly, which period of DuPage County agricultural life would it present?

In 1984 the District rolled out a long-term development plan for Kline Creek Farm, making it the first District center to open with an outlined strategy. Instead of focusing on a particular family or building, Kline Creek Farm would be an 1890s living-history "museum" that would demonstrate life on a typical pre-mechanized, horse-powered farm.



▲ "Farmhands" summer camp is one of the farm's longest-running programs, offering kids a chance to experience the responsibilities and rewards of growing up on an 1890s farm.

It would present and explain the dramatic changes DuPage County was experiencing as the expansion of railroads and improvements in technology began to shift the balance of populations from farms to towns. The people who greeted visitors would wear period clothing, but instead of being actors who performed first-person portrayals, they would be their own contemporary selves. This distinction would allow staff and volunteers to discuss the history of topics like refrigeration without being limited to only what was known in the 1890s.

In 1984 Kline Creek Farm hosted two events to introduce the public to the site and to raise money for much-needed restoration and repair work. Thousands of curious visitors came to the spring maple-sugaring program, braving cold, rain and mud to see what the Forest Preserve District would do with this new resource. More joined the October harvest celebration.

With the word out and donations coming in, the District was able to start to restore the farm's three original structures — the 1889 farmhouse, 1888 barn and 1840s smokehouse — using earlier research to make restorations



◀ For the past 25 years, volunteers have helped the farm explain domestic and agricultural technologies to school groups and casual visitors alike.



as accurate as possible. At the barn, for instance, crews replaced the concrete floor with period-appropriate brick. In the house, decorators only used wallpaper reproduced from samples that hung in the house in the 1890s.

From its beginnings, Kline Creek Farm was a community effort. A support group sprung up to help fund restorations, and individuals started to answer the call for skilled volunteers. During the first four years alone, donors and volunteers contributed more than \$125,000 and 5,000 hours of labor.

Master gardener Betty Jeppsen was the first to volunteer, researching heirloom-variety flowers and other plants. Today, she guides the efforts of other volunteer master gardeners at the farm. Lawrence DuBose donated beehives and expertise to start the farm's apiary, which he continues to support. Local farmer Ed Hohmann Sr. donated a team of horses, and Bob Sasman used his engineering background to move the farm's well and design reproductions of several buildings. As the farm grew, additional volunteers installed fencing around the pastures, built shelters for the livestock and cut heavy timbers for the wagon shed. Hearty souls even scraped paint in the unheated farmhouse to prepare the walls for the paper that would cover them next spring. Adult volunteers started to bring their



▲ U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter takes the first pass on a horse-drawn mower at Kline Creek Farm's official opening on July 17, 1989.

children, and the farm started to come to life.

In 1989, 100 years after members of the Kline family moved into the farmhouse, Kline Creek Farm celebrated its official opening. On hand to cut the ribbon the morning of July 17 were Chuck Johnson, freshman U.S. Representative Dennis Hastert, and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter, who was so impressed by the farm that he hopped on the horse-drawn mower in his shirt and tie and proceeded to mow one of the pastures.

Within its first two years, Kline Creek Farm started its award-winning "Farmhands" summer camp, added 14 weeks of school programming and earned the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association's "Outstanding New Facility" award. Today, the farm annually welcomes tens of thousands of casual visitors and scores of Scout troops and school groups.

Kline Creek Farm will be celebrating its first 25 years throughout 2014 and is even bringing back the original "Evening in the Country" on July 3 and Aug. 7 with games, special entertainers and a chance for visitors to bring picnic dinners to enjoy on the lawn. For details, see the listing in Page 13. We'll see you there! •

◀ Before the farm was open on a regular basis, volunteer and master gardener Betty Jeppsen was researching the proper varieties of heirloom flowers to plant near the 1889 house.

directory



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GOLF *Courses*

GREEN MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

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272 S. Addison Road
Wood Dale, IL 60191
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OAK MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

900 N. Wood Dale Road
Addison, IL 60101
(630) 595-0071



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.

EDUCATION *Centers*

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
(630) 876-5900

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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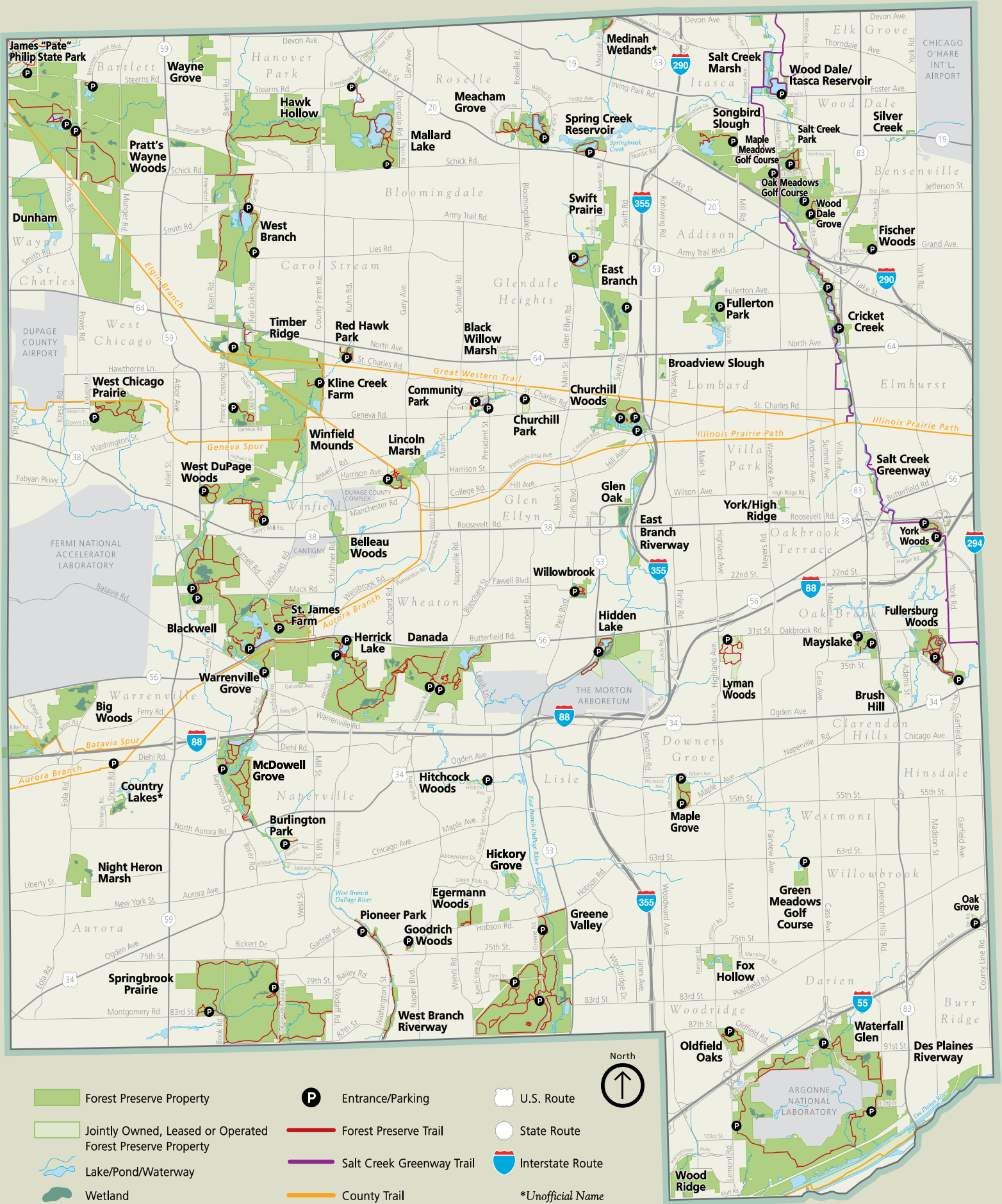
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The estate is open only during scheduled programs and events.

WILLOWBROOK WILDLIFE CENTER

525 S. Park Blvd.
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(630) 942-6200

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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