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Connecting People to Nature for 100 Years

from the president



There's a lot to be said for fall. It has some of the year's best scenery and gives us time to reboot after summer before things rev up for the holidays. For me, this fall in particular is a chance to look back on my first year as Forest Preserve District president and the ways this agency has worked during that time to support its guiding principles.

To better collaborate with the people we serve, the District worked with residents on the commemorative 100-mile DuPage Forest Preserves Century Trail and the preservation of 9 acres near Waterfall Glen in Darien. We partnered with the county on several projects as well, including one that will allow part of Fullersburg Woods in Oak Brook to provide flood relief to its neighbors in Hinsdale.

As a steward of natural resources, we continued to improve some of the best prairies, woodlands and wetlands in northern Illinois and hosted our first "Bio Blitz." In one 24-hour period, ecologists, scientists and volunteers in four forest preserves cataloged more than 800 kinds of plants and animals, including some never before identified in DuPage.

And so residents could better connect with nature, the District added 2 miles of trails at St. James Farm in Warrenville and offered dozens of special events to mark the agency's centennial. It also began the renovation of Oak Meadows Golf Preserve in Addison, a project that will put the preserve at the forefront of sustainable environmental management practices.

But perhaps most important to taxpayers is that we maintained our AAA rating — the highest possible — from Standard & Poor's Financial Services and implemented new operational efficiencies. With an elected board dedicated solely to preserving open spaces (and with Michael Hulihan, our new executive director, bringing his strong leadership experience to the role), I'm confident the District will continue to offer value and exceptional services into the century ahead.

Joseph F. Cantore

President, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County



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On the cover: Bobcat at Willowbrook Wildlife Center © Mike Shimer

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

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, hears public comments and staff reports, and votes on agenda items.

ECOLOGISTS ID ZEBRA MUSSELS IN TWO NEW LAKES

Over the summer, Forest Preserve District ecologists identified zebra mussels in Eagle Lake at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve in Downers Grove and Mallard Lake at Mallard Lake Forest Preserve in Bloomingdale.



Zebra mussels are fingernail-sized striped nonnative mollusks that have spread across the U. S. by attaching to watercraft and bait buckets. They're prolific breeders, and large populations can filter all of the water in a lake in one day, consuming plankton that native species rely on for food.

As the District monitors waters near the two lakes, it's working with volunteers to let anglers and boaters know how a few simple steps can keep these mussels out of other waters.

- Drain and remove all water, mud, plants and animals from your fishing gear before you leave the shore.
- Wash and dry anything that comes in contact with the water, including tackle, clothes and pets. Use hot water (over 104 degrees) or a power washer. If possible, let items dry for five days. You can't see the juvenile zebra mussels with the naked eye, and they can survive out of water. If you don't clean and dry your gear, you can easily move them from lake to lake.
- Juveniles can also hitchhike in bait buckets, so never move bait buckets from one body of water to another, and never dump bait in a lake or waterway. Empty bait buckets in garbage cans before leaving the forest preserve.
- Never put plants or animals in a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

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.



ONLINE PROGRAM REGISTRATION STARTS OCT. 5

Starting Oct. 5, register for your favorite archery and fishing clinics, guided hikes and paddles, wildlife programs and more 24/7 on your computer, tablet or phone and reserve campsites and picnic areas up to 12 months in advance.

Just visit dupageforest.org and click on Register and then Create an Account to get started. After you set up your account, you can use it to register and pay for activities, add your name to wait lists if programs are full, and reserve campsites, shelters and picnic grounds. You can also log in at any time to see what's next on the calendar for you and your family.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1 you'll also be able to purchase 2016 permits for off-leash dog areas, private boats and model crafts online. Of course you'll still be able to make all of your permit plans weekdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. over the phone at (630) 933-7248 or in person at District headquarters in Wheaton.



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FOUR-LEGGED FUN COMES TO HAWK HOLLOW

On Sept. 1 the Forest Preserve District celebrated the grand opening of the new off-leash dog area at Hawk Hollow Forest Preserve in Bartlett at Stearns Road and Bittersweet Drive. The 34-acre area has a 59-car parking lot, 2.1 acres for dogs of all sizes and almost an acre just for pups under 25 pounds. An enclosed 29.2-acre area features a 1.2-mile limestone trail. Each area has at least one entry with standard, double and maintenance gates. To use the area, dog owners must have valid District permits, which are available through Visitor Services at (630) 933-7248.

In October 2012 the District entered into a cooperative agreement with railway and transportation company CN. In conjunction with work along its tracks near Munger Road at Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve in Wayne, CN agreed to expand wetlands and enhance habitat at the preserve and relocate the District's off-leash area to the better-suited location at Hawk Hollow.

MANY Thanks

The Forest Preserve District thanks its 2015 Centennial Partner sponsors for their support of its milestone celebration and its ongoing efforts to connect people with nature.

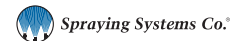
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The District would also like to thank donors who contributed to its efforts between May 10 and Aug. 15. To make your own tax-deductible donation or to learn how sponsorships and financial support can benefit the District, visit dupageforestgiving.org.

Gifts of Note

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The Stars of Fall

by JAYNE BOHNER, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Asters might very well be the forest preserves' forgotten flowers. People spend summer gazing at coneflowers, black-eyed Susans and other bright bloomers, but when fall arrives they turn their eyes to the leafy canopies and forget that some DuPage County flowers are still hard at work.

Asters, which typically bloom between August and the first frost, get their common name from their shape. *Aster* is Greek for "star." It's the same word origin that gives us "asterisk," "asteroid," "astronaut," "Astro" from "The Jetsons," etc.

At one time, the genus *Aster* contained over 600 species worldwide, but in the 1990s, molecular research revealed that flowers that looked quite similar were genetically different.

(Some of the chromosomes were slightly larger and more symmetrically shaped if you really must know.) The common ancestor shared by most of what we call "asters" in North America was different than its European or Asian counterparts. As a result, most of the asters on other continents remained in the *Aster* genus, and most in North America became part of a new genus, *Symphyotrichum*, or roughly "soft hairy things that grow together," referring to the plants' fuzzy stems and leaves. (It's not as poetic as "star," but it gets its point across.)

Asters' late-blooming season is likely an evolutionary adaptation. Asters need insects to carry pollen from flower to flower so they can produce seeds. By offering dining options later in the year, they're more likely to get the attention of

Support Your Local Hoverfly

No, it's not a wasp. (Not that there's anything wrong with that.) It's a member of one group of insects that you'll see feeding on asters: the hoverflies. These busy nonstinging buzzers may look like wasps or bees, but it's all a show to keep away hungry predators. If you're an aphid, though, beware. As an adult, a hoverfly dines solely on nectar, but as a slug-looking larva, it feasts on hundreds of aphids, which makes these flies welcomed guests in any garden.



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A Bouquet in Every Blossom

Like many bloomers — sunflowers, goldenrods, black-eyed Susans — asters are “composite” flowers. What appears to be a single flower is actually a cluster of tiny stemless flowers, or “florets,” each with its own pistil, stamen and other assorted reproductive parts that produce seeds. On asters, the center is comprised of several squat tube-shaped “disk” florets. “Ray” florets around the edge produce the strap-shaped flowers that look like petals.

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pollinators that might otherwise pass them over for competing spring- or summertime species.

Of course pollination is a two-way street, and asters provide much-needed calories for insects after other flowers have faded. Milkweeds may be the main plants on monarchs’ minds in summer, but in fall, asters are vital fueling stations for these butterflies as they prepare to head toward Mexico. Hoverflies, queen bumblebees and other nectar-eating insects that winter right here in DuPage need asters to help them bulk up before heading underground or curling up in leaf litter or rotten logs.

But there’s more to an aster than just flowers, and the county’s six-legged residents rely on those parts, too. The caterpillars of painted ladies, pearl crescents and other butterflies feed on the plants’ greenery. Pearl crescents that hatch late in the season are particularly reliant because they overwinter as caterpillars and need to fatten up on aster leaves before the cold weather sets in.

Fortunately for people and pollinators alike, the forest preserves are home to several species of asters, some quite common. Heath, smooth blue, New England and hairy asters all grow in DuPage prairies and fields; panicled asters colonize in wetter soils. In the county’s woodlands, side-flowering, Short’s and Drummond’s asters provide springtime pinks, whites and yellows under the darker, richer colors of the leafy canopies. But no matter where they grow, they’re only there through fall, so let’s enjoy them while they last. •



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▲ Panicled aster (*Symphyotrichum lanceolatum*)



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▲ New England aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)



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▲ Smooth blue aster (*Symphyotrichum laeve*)



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▲ Drummond's aster (*Symphyotrichum drummondii*)

fall calendar

See pages 10 through 16 for program descriptions. Cancellation policies vary. Starting Oct. 5 you can register for most programs online at dupageforest.org.



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October

- 1** Fall Day at the Farm
- 2** Fall Day at the Farm
Fishing Clinic for Beginners
FullersBird Fridays
- 3** Archery for All Ages
Halloween Night Walks Ticket
Sales Begin
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 4** Ranger Trek
- 5** Art at Mayslake:
Adult Painting Begins
Art at Mayslake: Teen Open
Studio Begins
Fall Day at the Farm
Forest Fitness Walk
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 7** Archery for All Ages
Fall Color Tour
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 9** Fishing Clinic for Beginners
FullersBird Fridays
Nature Art and Photo Show
- 10** Nature Art and Photo Show
Paddling: Paddle With a Ranger
Rambo Scramble
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 11** Backyard Birds of Prey
Danada Fall Festival
Fall Color Tour
Nature Art and Photo Show
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 12** Forest Fitness Walk
- 13** Archery for Active Adults
- 14** Archery for All Ages
Fall Color Tour
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 16** Fishing Clinic for Beginners
FullersBird Fridays
- 17** Corn Harvest
Ranger Trek
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 18** Corn Harvest
Fall Color Tour
- 19** Art at Mayslake:
Digital Photography
Fundamentals I Begins
- 20** Art at Mayslake: Exploring
Watercolors Begins
- 21** Archery for All Ages
- 23** Halloween Night Walks
Navigation: Compass 101
- 24** Halloween Night Walks
Make a Difference Day
Volunteer Restoration Workday
Volunteer Workday at the
Nursery
When Darkness Falls
- 25** Navigation: Geocaching
- 27** Art at Mayslake: Lightroom I
Begins
Hunter's Moon Hay-Wagon Ride
- 30** Volunteer Workday at the
Nursery
- 31** Lamplight Stories
Volunteer Restoration Workday



November

- 2** Forest Fitness Walk
- 4** Volunteer Restoration Workday
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 5** Art at Mayslake: Introduction to Photographic Composition Begins
Music at Mayslake: Picoso
- 7** Fishing Clinic for Beginners
Our Nocturnal Neighbors
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 8** Illinois Smallmouth Alliance Fishing Show
Navigation: Geocaching
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 9** Forest Fitness Walk
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 14** Introduction to Prescription Burns
Owl Extravaganza
Ranger Trek
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 15** Cast-Iron Cooking
- 16** Forest Fitness Walk: 10-Mile Hike
- 17** Lectures at Mayslake: Over There
- 19** Frosty Moon Hay-Wagon Ride
Music at Mayslake: Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
- 22** Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 23** Forest Fitness Walk
- 28** Holiday Sweets
- 29** Holiday Sweets

December

- 3** Art at Mayslake: Intermediate Photographic Composition Begins
- 5** Christmas on the Farm
Music at Mayslake: Acappellago
Talons and Claus
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 6** Christmas on the Farm
- 7** Forest Fitness Walk
- 8** Music at Mayslake: Elmhurst College Jazz Band
- 12** Holiday Market
Snowshoe Hike
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 13** Holiday Market
- 14** Forest Fitness Walk
- 15** Art at Mayslake: Lightroom II Begins
- 19** Bird-Count Field Trip
Snowshoe Hike
- 29** St. James After Dark





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. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 13 10 – 11:30 a.m. Wood Dale Grove

Archery for All Ages

Learn basic archery techniques in a family-friendly setting. Equipment provided. Ages 9 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 3 10 – 11:30 a.m. Churchill Woods
 Oct 7 4 – 5:30 p.m. Churchill Woods
 Oct 7, 14, 21 4 – 5:30 p.m. Blackwell

Art at Mayslake: Adult Painting

Learn about color mixing, composition and elements of design at this eight-part class on Mondays. Adults only. \$165 per person. Register at (630) 206-9566.

Oct 5 – Nov 23 Noon – 2:30 p.m. Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Digital Photography Fundamentals I

Learn about the important features of digital cameras and the aesthetics of great images at this five-part class on Mondays. Adults only. \$150 plus \$20 supply fee per person. Register at (630) 206-9566 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 19 – Nov 16 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Exploring Watercolors

Explore and enhance your artistic style while painting in a relaxed setting at this eight-part class on Tuesdays. Adults only. \$165 per person. Register at (630) 206-9566 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 20 – Dec 8 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Intermediate Photographic Composition

Explore power shapes, point and counterpoint contrasts, and how to capture decisive moments at Mayslake and off-site at this five-part class on Thursdays and Saturdays. Times and locations for Dec. 5 and 12 will be determined Dec. 3. Adults only. \$150 per person. Register at (630) 206-9566 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Dec 3, 10, 17 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Mayslake
 Dec 5, 12 TBD

Art at Mayslake: Introduction to Photographic Composition

Learn the basic tools of photographic composition at Mayslake and off-site at this five-part class on Thursdays and Saturdays. Times and locations for Nov. 7 and 14 will be determined Nov. 5. Adults only. \$150 per person. Register at (630) 206-9566 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Nov 5, 12, 19 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Mayslake
 Nov 7, 14 TBD



1890s Living

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

BLACKSMITHING DEMONSTRATIONS

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

Saturdays 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES HOUSE TOUR

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

Dec. 3 – Jan. 5

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

LIFE ON THE FARM HOUSE TOURS

Tour the farmhouse and get a glimpse of 1890s life.

Through Nov. 30

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



Art at Mayslake: Lightroom I

Learn about Adobe's Lightroom software, which allows you to enhance and organize digital photographs, and work with the program's Develop module at this five-part class on Tuesdays. Adults only. \$150 plus \$20 supply fee per person. Register at (630) 206-9566 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 27 – Nov 24 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Lightroom II

Continue work with Lightroom's Develop module and learn how to integrate Lightroom with Photoshop at this five-part class on Tuesdays. Lightroom I class or equivalent required. Adults only. \$150 plus \$20 supply fee per person. Register at (630) 206-9566 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Dec 15 – Jan 12 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Mayslake

Art at Mayslake: Teen Open Studio

Enhance your intermediate or advanced painting or drawing techniques in pastels, acrylics, watercolors, charcoal and other mediums for nine weeks on Mondays except one TBD. Ages 13 – 19. \$190 plus \$25 supply fee per person. Register at (630) 206-9566.

Oct 5 – Dec 7 6 – 8 p.m. Mayslake

Backyard Birds of Prey

Learn about the most common raptors in DuPage, the red-tailed hawk and great horned owl. Ages 8 and up; under 17 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register at (630) 942-6200 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 11 2 – 3:30 p.m. Willowbrook

Bird-Count Field Trip

Join the DuPage Birding Club to record resident species for the annual Christmas Bird Count. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register at (630) 933-7681 at least three business days prior (10 days for groups of five or more).

Dec 19 8 – 11 a.m. West Chicago Prairie

Cast-Iron Cooking

Help prepare a hearty meal over an open fire, and learn tips for cooking with cast iron. Ages 5 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 per person ages 16 and up; \$5 ages 5 – 15. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Nov 15 1 – 3:30 p.m. Herrick Lake

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. Questions? Call (630) 876-5900.

Dec 5, 6 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Kline Creek Farm

Corn Harvest

Bring your work gloves and help harvest this year's crop and make shocks from the cut stalks. Then, create your own corn-husk figure to take home. Activities ongoing. All ages. Free. Registration not required. Questions? Call (630) 876-5900.

Oct 17, 18 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kline Creek Farm

Danada Fall Festival

Join a celebration of the horse and the autumn season at this annual event. Enjoy a parade of breeds, continuous equestrian performances, including Danada's own musical drill team, hayrides, pony rides, face painting, grooming demonstrations, educational displays, food and more. Activities ongoing. All ages. Free admission and parking. Fees for some activities. Registration not required. Questions? Call (630) 668-6012.

Oct 11 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Danada



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Fishing: Fall Trout Season Opener

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

The season opens Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6 a.m. Anglers 16 and older must possess valid Illinois fishing licenses with inland trout stamps. Questions? Call (630) 933-7248.

fall calendar



Fall Day at the Farm

School and home-school groups, learn about 1890s chores and family life through demonstrations and hands-on activities. Ages 6 – 12 with an adult. \$5 per student. Register at (630) 876-5900.

Oct 1, 2, 5 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Kline Creek Farm

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. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 2, 9, 16 4 – 5:30 p.m. Herrick Lake
Nov 7 10 a.m. – Noon Herrick Lake

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. Register at (630) 850-8110 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 5	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Philip State Park
Oct 12	8:30 – 10 a.m.	West Branch
Nov 2	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Pratt's Wayne
Nov 9	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Danada
Nov 23	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Meacham Grove
Dec 7	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Waterfall Glen
Dec 14	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods

Forest Fitness Walk: 10-Mile Hike

Join a naturalist for a special 10-mile version of this popular program. Bring water and a snack. Adults only. \$6 per person per walk; \$40 per 10-program pass. Register at (630) 850-8110 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Nov 16 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Waterfall Glen

Frosty Moon Hay-Wagon Ride

Enjoy a ride on a tractor-pulled wagon, and hear tales of times past. Then enjoy hot cocoa and s'mores. All ages; under 12 with an adult. \$5 per DuPage resident; \$8 per nonresident. Register at (630) 580-7025 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Nov 19 5, 5:30 and 6 p.m. St. James Farm

FullersBird Fridays

Take a naturalist-led hike to see how the diversity of birds changes in fall. Adults only. \$6 per person per hike; \$40 per 10-program pass. Register at (630) 850-8110 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 2	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	St. James Farm
Oct 9	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Oct 16	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	West DuPage Woods on Gary's Mill Road

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 go on sale Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. at Fullersburg Woods. \$10 per person. Maximum 10 tickets per order. Questions? Call (630) 850-8110.

Oct 23, 24 6 – 9 p.m. Fullersburg Woods

Holiday Market

Shop a holiday market featuring a variety of artisan crafts. All ages. Free admission. Registration not required. Questions? Call (630) 206-9566.

Dec 12	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Mayslake
Dec 13	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Mayslake



Golfing

A round of golf is a great way to enjoy the outdoors! Visit DuPageGolf.com for specials and tee times.

Oak Meadows

Practice Range • Addison • (630) 595-0071

Maple Meadows

18 Holes • Wood Dale • (630) 616-8424

Green Meadows

9 Holes • Westmont • (630) 810-5330



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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. Questions? Call (630) 876-5900.

Nov 28, 29 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Kline Creek Farm

Hunter’s Moon Hay-Wagon Ride

Enjoy a ride on a tractor-pulled hay wagon and hear tales of a time past. Then enjoy hot cocoa and s’mores. All ages; under 12 with an adult. \$5 per DuPage resident; \$8 per nonresident. Register at (630) 580-7025 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 27 5, 5:30 and 6 p.m. St. James Farm

Illinois Smallmouth Alliance Fishing Show

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

Nov 8 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. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Nov 14 1 – 3 p.m. Herrick Lake

Lamplight Stories

Halloween isn’t just for kids, and this program isn’t the farm’s “Children’s Story Hour”! Enjoy an evening of ghoulish tales told outside in the dark. Dress for the weather. Ages 15 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Registration not required. Questions? Call (630) 876-5900.

Oct 31 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Kline Creek Farm

Lectures at Mayslake: Over There

In this first-person portrayal, hear how World War I brought major changes and resulted in a world turned upside down. Ages 14 and up with an adult. \$10 per person. Register at (630) 206-9566 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Nov 17 7 – 8 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. Register at (630) 933-7681 at least five business days prior (10 days for groups of five or more).

Oct 24 9 a.m. – Noon East Branch



Horse-Drawn Hayrides and Sleigh Rides

Kline Creek Farm in West Chicago

Hear about farming with real horsepower on a 30-minute ride. All ages. \$5 per person ages 13 and up; \$2 ages 5 – 12; under 5 free. Registration not required. Call (630) 876-5900 for more details.

WAGON RIDES

Oct. 4 and 25

Noon, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15 and 3 p.m.

SLEIGH RIDES

Dec. 26, 27 and 28

Noon, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15 and 3 p.m.



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Navigation: Compass 101

Learn one of the oldest survival skills — how to use a compass — and then complete a course. Ages 7 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 23	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 16 with an adult. Free. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 25	10:30 a.m. – Noon	Mayslake
Nov 8	10:30 a.m. – Noon	Churchill Woods

Paddling: Paddle With a Ranger

Take a guided paddle on Salt Creek. Bring your own canoe or kayak to this free program, or rent one for \$20 per person (300-pound capacity). Ages 14 and up; under 18 with an adult. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 10	1 – 3:30 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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Rambo Scramble

In this 13th 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. Register at (630) 616-8424.

Oct 10	8 a.m.	Maple Meadows
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Ranger Trek

Learn about history, plants, wildlife and forest preserve features on a guided hike. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 4	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Salt Creek Park
Oct 17	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Meacham Grove
Nov 14	Noon – 12:45 p.m.	Wood Dale Grove

Snowshoe Hike

Hear about the history of snowshoeing and pick up safety tips. Then step into a pair and hit the trail with a ranger. Equipment provided (50- to 225-pound capacity). Ages 10 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Dec 12, 19	1 – 3 p.m.	Blackwell
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Our Nocturnal Neighbors

Meet nocturnal wildlife and learn what makes them successful neighbors. Ages 8 and up; under 17 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register at (630) 942-6200 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Nov 7	3:30 – 5 p.m.	Willowbrook
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Owl Extravaganza

Bring your family or a friend to a night focused on owls and their hunting skills and habitats. Enjoy a hike and then meet a live owl. No flashlights, please. All ages; under 16 with an adult. \$10 per person. Register at (630) 850-8110 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Nov 14	6 – 8:30 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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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 Nov. 1
Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

fall calendar



Winter Fun

SNOW TUBING

Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville

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 (\$7 for nylon tubes) 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. 5 – Feb. 28

Plus Dec. 21 – Jan. 1 (except Dec. 25)

Jan. 18

Feb. 15

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SNOWSHOES

Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville

Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve in Oak Brook

Explore the forest preserves by snowshoes! Rentals are \$8 for two hours or \$13 per day and are only available when there's plenty of snow on the trails.

- When Mount Hoy's open, rent at the base until 2 p.m.
- On weekdays when Mount Hoy isn't open, rent 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the west sector office on Mack Road. Call (630) 876-5931 for availability.
- You can also rent daily 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center. Call (630) 850-8110 for availability.

St. James After Dark

Snowshoe or ski past illuminated historic buildings as you listen for sounds of nighttime wildlife. Cap off the evening with cocoa or cider. Bring your own gear or rent snowshoes for an additional \$5 per person (50- to 225-pound capacity). All ages; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register at (630) 580-7025 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Dec 29 6 – 8:30 p.m. St. James 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. Questions? Call (630) 942-6200.

Dec 5 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Willowbrook

Volunteer Restoration Workday

Help remove nonnative plants or seed. Ages 8 and up; under 14 with an adult. Free. Register at (630) 933-7681 at least five business days prior (10 days for groups of five or more).

Oct 3, 17, 31	9 a.m. – Noon	West Chicago Prairie
Oct 7, 10, 24	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook Prairie
Oct 10	9 a.m. – Noon	Fullersburg Woods
Oct 11	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill Woods
Nov 4, 7, 22	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook Prairie
Nov 8	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill Woods
Nov 14	9 a.m. – Noon	Fullersburg Woods
Nov 14	9 a.m. – Noon	West Chicago Prairie
Dec 5	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook Prairie
Dec 5	9 a.m. – Noon	West Chicago Prairie
Dec 12	9 a.m. – Noon	Fullersburg Woods

Volunteer Workday at the Nursery

Help weed, water or collect and clean seed. Ages 12 and up; under 16 with an adult. Free. Register at (630) 933-7681 at least five business days prior (10 days for groups of five or more).

Oct 5, 14, 24, 30	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell
Nov 4, 9	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell

When Darkness Falls

Hike through the dark woods with a ranger and discover how to use your nocturnal senses. Ages 6 and up; under 16 with an adult. Free. Register at (630) 933-7248 (or at dupageforest.org starting Oct. 5).

Oct 24 6 – 8 p.m. Waterfall Glen

Five Fall-Frenzy Fixers

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It's time to put away the shorts and tank tops for another year and get back in the habit of packing lunches and getting everyone to the bus stop on time (not to mention practices and rehearsals). Schedules get hectic (and we won't even get into what happens once Thanksgiving rolls around) but the perfect break is no farther away than your local DuPage County forest preserve.

Visit Willowbrook Wildlife Center.

On some days you may want to sit in front of a DuPage County map and ponder which of the forest preserves' 145 miles of trails and scores of habitats you want to visit, but sometimes you need a quick pick that will offer a little bit of everything.

At Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn, your wildlife spotting skills can take a break as you stroll along the paved exhibit trail, where you're guaranteed to see the bobcat, red fox, woodchuck, eagle and other residents that live at the center full time. On the path through the butterfly garden, look for late-in-the-season generations of skippers, painted ladies and monarchs as they fill up on

nectar from fall-blooming flowers, and behind the visitor center take the half-mile Nature Trail through the "Back 40" and its restored prairie, savanna, woodland and wetland, a true buffet of native DuPage habitats.



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▲ Sample prairies, woodlands and wetlands — and come face-to-face with DuPage wildlife — on a walk through Willowbrook Wildlife Center.



▲ Fullersburg Woods is one of the county's maple-tree hot spots.

Walk through a maple forest.

Gray skies can sometimes make fall feel like one long rainy day, but a trip to a forest preserve filled with sugar and black maples can trick you into thinking the sun is out regardless of the weather.

Fullersburg Woods in Oak Brook, West DuPage Woods in West Chicago and Maple Grove in Downers Grove are three of the county's brightest fall forest preserves. Maple Grove in particular is an electrified knockout this time of year. Some of its maples got their start 170 years ago, when settlers from the east were taking down mature hardwoods for lumber. Without taller trees to block out the sun and rain, the saplings were able to grow in leaps and bounds, forming the towering tunnels of gold visitors enjoy today.

Find a forest preserve close to home.

Fighting traffic to reach a great open space where you can relax and unwind can be a stress inducer in itself, but fortunately there's a forest preserve no more than 10 minutes from any business or home in DuPage County.

At Meacham Grove in Bloomingdale you'll find a beautiful example of a native woodland, where the leaves of oak, walnut and hickory trees filter out the bustle of busy

streets. A 2.5-mile trail on the east side loops around Maple Lake through adjacent wetlands and connects with a 0.5-mile footpath on the west side of Bloomingdale-Roselle Road, which carries you through the 48-acre Meacham Grove Nature Preserve. This area received its special state designation in 2012 thanks to its forest, where you may spot a northern flicker, red-shouldered hawk or wood thrush, all birds in greatest need of conservation in Illinois.

Hawk Hollow in Bartlett — 1,000 acres of gently rolling landscape with one of the largest unbroken blocks of grassland bird habitats in the county — is accented with mature woodlands and bisected by a river. Three miles of trails meander through the preserve and connect with West Branch in Bartlett.

If you're further west, 9 miles of footpaths at West Chicago Prairie in West Chicago thread through one of northern Illinois' highest-quality prairies. Aside from its namesake habitat, the preserve boasts woodlands and a savanna that's home to majestic bur oaks. (Keep Fido and your bicycle at home, though. Most of the preserve is part of the state-designated Truitt-Hoff Nature Preserve, where only human foot traffic is allowed.)



▲ Colors multiply on Rush Lake at East Branch Forest Preserve.



Why yellow?

In summer, trees are busy producing chlorophyll, the chemical that allows them to convert sunlight into energy and makes their leaves look green. Sugar and black maple leaves also make yellow-orange compounds called carotenes, but the color is overpowered by chlorophyll's green pigment so you don't see it. (Carotenes help trees make chlorophyll and protect tissues in the leaves.) When trees get ready to drop their leaves in the fall, they stop making chlorophyll, which allows the carotenes to take center stage.



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▲ For residents in northcentral DuPage County, Meacham Grove Forest Preserve and its woodlands are a short drive from home.

Double your pleasure.

While oaks and maples offer beautiful colors across the treetops, in some forest preserves the display spills into the landscape below. There are over 30 lakes and 45 miles of waterways in DuPage County’s forest preserves, and many that border deciduous trees provide spectacular mirror images, some with colors swirling in motion on top of the ripples.

From the parking lot on Glen Ellyn Road at East Branch in Glendale Heights, a 0.8-mile trail loops around Rush Lake and the northern shore of Sunfish Pond, both popular fishing spots. At Rush Lake in particular, the water reflects the vivid yellows and reds of maples and sumacs. At Wood Dale Grove in Wood Dale, Grove Lake amplifies the rich rusty oaks that line the 0.5-mile trail that circles the water.

Where to go?
You’re probably familiar with Blackwell, Herrick Lake, Waterfall Glen or Fullersburg Woods, but did you know you might live closer to an equally great forest preserve? (Hey, the county has over 60!) Well finding it is just a click or two away. Visit dupageforest.org and click on Places to Go and Forest Preserves. There you’ll find a list of every DuPage forest preserve with quick info on parking, trails and available maps.

Listen.

We all know what planes, trains and automobiles sound like, but there’s much to be said (or heard) about DuPage County’s more natural features.

At the Rocky Glen area at Waterfall Glen in Darien, the tiered falls created by Civilian Conservation Corps workers in the 1930s provide an ideal soundtrack for viewing the drizzles of red and orange that pool on top of Sawmill Creek. At Warrenville Grove in Warrenville, the large-scale project that made the West Branch DuPage River a healthier waterway for insects, fish, birds and mammals created a lively stretch of bubbling riffles. The project also kept intact the preserve’s historic millrace. Waters that rushed down this manmade channel 165 years ago directed the power of the river to a waterwheel, which turned gears inside a gristmill, where area farmers brought corn, rye, wheat and other “grist” to be ground into flour or meal.

But nothing roars “fall” more than wind through the treetops with crescendos that can drown out the heaviest rush hours. In the county’s oak woodlands, where oaks’ lower branches hang tight to leaves even after heavy snows, the rustles last into winter. In the center of the county, you can walk, jog or peddle from Danada in Wheaton, home to a savanna with bur oaks from the 1830s, west to Herrick Lake, with its own share of 150-year-old white, red and bur oaks.

So if you find yourself in a fall frenzy, find your fix in a DuPage forest preserve! •

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▲ Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve’s Rocky Glen area creates a relaxing soundtrack for soaking up the shades of the season.

The Trail of the Century

If you want a celebration to mark your first 100 years, it helps to have a lot of people on your planning team, and when the Forest Preserve District was working on its lineup of centennial events, it had just that.

One dedicated group of community volunteers offered to help develop a special way to mark the milestone. The result was the DuPage Forest Preserves Century Trail,

a 100-mile commemorative trail over existing paths (and a few roads) that circles the county, connecting 33 different preserves. But the group wanted the trail to be more than a line on a map. They wanted it to present snapshots of the District's past. As a result, researchers dug through the archives for 11 stories trail trekkers can read along the way. Here's a look at a few of them.



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Pratt's Wayne Woods: The Last Mastodon?

In 2005 less than a mile north of Pickerel Lake, researchers unearthed over 1,000 pieces of tooth, tusk and bone from a mature mastodon.

The bones were buried in what was once a 10-acre spruce-lined lake. The mastodon may have stopped at the lake for a drink and died of natural causes. It may have died nearby and had floodwaters carry its remains to the site. Scientists will never know for certain, but based on the location and the fact that the animal died about 11,000 years ago at the tail end of the mastodon era, many agree that this animal was likely one of the species' last.

Herrick Lake: I'll Take Glacial Formations for \$500

Ten thousand years ago DuPage County was covered by a sheet of ice as tall as Willis Tower. As the glacier melted, ice and water shifted tons of rock and soil, which created a large depression in present-day Wheaton that filled with water: Herrick Lake. Glacier-formed lakes like this were scattered throughout DuPage, but most drained or filled with plants or eroding soils. Only Herrick Lake and the remote Spring Lake at Timber Ridge Forest Preserve remain. Every other lake you'll see in a DuPage forest preserve is man-made.

Despite its beginnings, this isn't exactly the same lake that stood here 100 years ago. Engineers have dredged, deepened and expanded it to keep it an attractive spot for anglers, boaters and picnickers alike. But if you're ever quizzed on glacier-formed lakes in DuPage County, you'll have the right answer.



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Greene Valley: Prehistoric Food Prep

Roughly 2,000 years ago, someone was cooking along this stretch of the East Branch DuPage River in clay dishes over a wood-burning fire. At least that's one scenario drawn from a 1992 archeological survey that found prehistoric knife tips and pieces of "cord-marked" pottery at the site.

Pottery appeared in Illinois during the Early Woodland period, which began about 3,000 years ago. By the end of the Late Woodland period a few centuries later, cord-marked pottery was common, especially in established settlements. Because of the pottery found at the site, there's a good chance people lived — and cooked — in a village there for several years.

People made cord-marked containers by striking wet clay with small paddles wrapped with cord. The cord created rows of parallel grooves, which made thinner pottery stronger and better able to conduct heat.



York Woods: Being Number 1

Visitors to York Woods stand in DuPage County's first forest preserve. The 1917 purchase marked the start of efforts to protect land for the "pleasure and recreation" of county residents. And the county bought it to build a road.

By today's standards it wasn't the most conservation-minded reason to preserve 70 acres, but as the Chicago Daily Tribune reported, "Commissioners of DuPage county, the road supervisors and the public spirited citizens" were "deeply interested in the project." The road extended 12th Street — today's Roosevelt Road — from Chicago so motorists would have "a direct thirty mile drive without a turn through the southern edge of Wheaton."

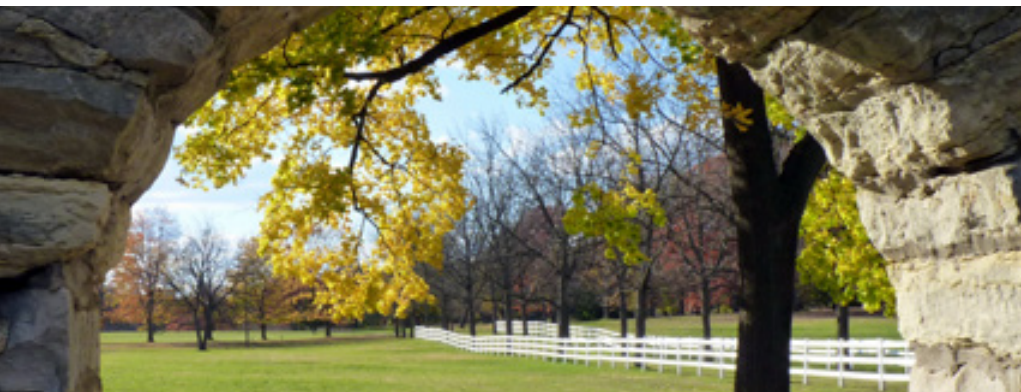
Fullersburg Woods: The Men of V-1668

Between 1934 and 1938 Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve was home to the men of Company V-1668 of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Most of the men were veterans of World War I. Their first job was to construct the camp's temporary barracks, which housed up to 200 enlistees. They built a boathouse (today's visitor center) and many of the bridges and shelters you'll pass the trail. They worked at other forest preserves, too, constructing a picnic shelter at York Woods and shelters, a dam and fire rings at Waterfall Glen. During the Great Depression the CCC provided much-needed work for over 3 million unemployed men nationwide.



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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
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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.

MAYSLAKE PEABODY ESTATE

1717 W. 31st St.
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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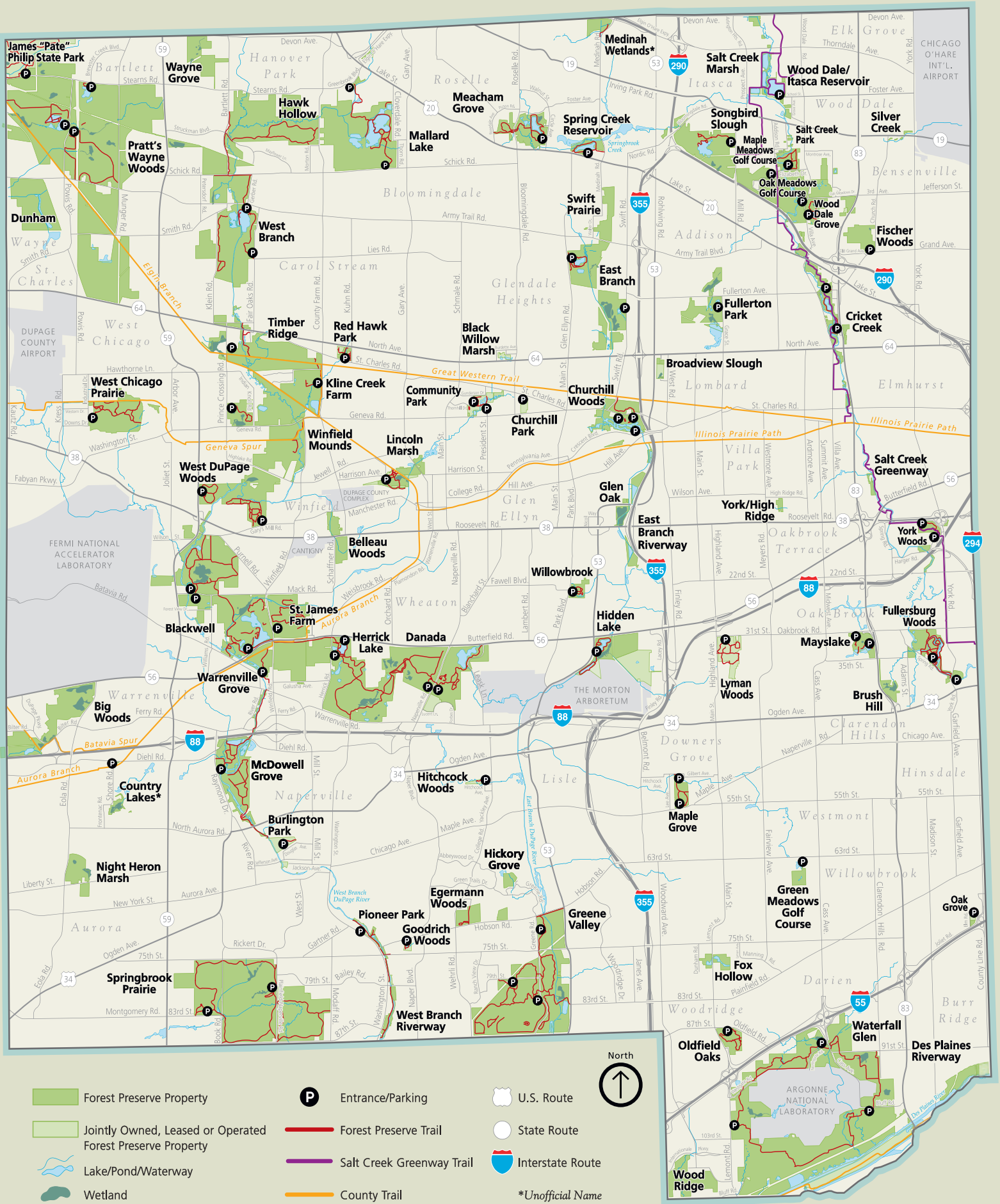


PRESERVE *Hours*

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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West Chicago Prairie

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Springbrook Prairie

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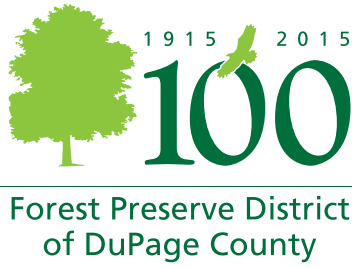
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