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Home to More Than Monarchs

Preserve-a-Palooza

Fishing DuPage Rivers



Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

from the president



It's amazing the difference a month can make. Not too long ago, I was looking out my office window at bare soil covered in wet dark ash, the remnants of a prescription burn Forest Preserve District ecologists conducted a few weeks earlier. Now, out of the same window, an impenetrable stand of native grasses and flowers – some already in bloom – grows taller by the day. Warm weather took its time this year, but it's here and the landscape is catching up fast. And the Forest Preserve District is ready.

You probably don't need advice on how to enjoy your forest preserves in summer. Biking, fishing, picnicking, they're all well-known pastimes. But if you flip through the calendar starting on Page 8, you'll find some special ways to celebrate the season.

Weekends through October from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. you can get a bird's-eye view of Greene Valley and beyond from the scenic overlook, which peaks at 190 feet over the trails and roads below. This summer, you can extend your time up high during "Sunrise at the Scenic Overlook" or decompress after a busy week with yoga at "Sun Salutations for Weekend Warriors."

Kline Creek Farm is also stretching its hours. Now through August you can experience life on an 1890s farm (or simply soak up the sights and sounds of the farmstead in the warm evening glow) Thursdays until 8 p.m.

This could be the summer you learn how to shoot an arrow, kayak or fish. If you already know how, then take the next step with intermediate archery, kayaking adventures, or fishing off trail and along rivers. (Get tips for fishing rivers and streams in particular in "Fishing With the Flow" on Page 18.)

Whether you're looking for a "Forest Fitness Walk" or something to do this afternoon, you'll find a lot of helpful info at dupageforest.org. You can also speak with someone in our Visitor Services office weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Aug. 30). Stop by in person at 35580 Naperville Road in Wheaton or give them a call at 630-933-7248.

It's summer in your DuPage forest preserves. Enjoy!

Joseph F. Cantore

President, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

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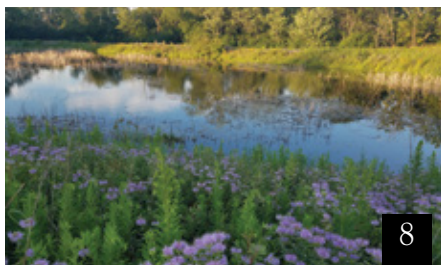
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On the cover: Gray tree frog on butterfly weed © Robert Lubeck/Animals Animals

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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NEW BOATING REGS AND EXTENDED SUMMER HOURS FOR VISITOR SERVICES

On June 1 the Illinois Department of Natural Resources eliminated its water usage stamp. As a result, you no longer need one to apply for a Forest Preserve District private boating permit for a nonmotorized craft. (If your boat has a motor, though, you still need to provide a state registration number.)

On June 15 the Forest Preserve District updated a few additional requirements. Most importantly, all boating permit applications – for motorized and nonmotorized craft alike – need to include hull identification numbers. Boaters can also now apply for permits for pontoons under 20 feet long. Inflatable watercraft still need to be multichambered but can now have either 1) certification by the National Marine Manufacturers Association or the Coast Guard through the manufacturer or 2) factory-made hardened floors.

Have questions? Call Visitor Services weekdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Aug. 30) at 630-933-7248. You can get answers in person, too, at the headquarters office at 3S580 Naperville Road in Wheaton.

LIVE and on Demand

Can't make it to an upcoming board meeting? Find schedules and agendas and watch proceedings live or on demand at dupageforest.org under "Our Board." Commission meetings and planning sessions are open to the public and take place at Forest Preserve District headquarters at 3S580 Naperville Road in Wheaton. Normally, commission meetings are at 8 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, and planning sessions are at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays. At both the board discusses Forest Preserve District business, hears public comments and staff reports, and votes on agenda items.



MANY Thanks

The Forest Preserve District thanks the donors who contributed to its efforts between Feb. 12 and May 13. To learn how contributions of financial support can benefit the District, visit dupageforest.org/donate. To give to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit fundraising arm of the District, visit dupageforestgiving.org/donate/designated-gifts.

Gifts of Note

The Estate of Mary Haywood
\$5,000 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center
Gary Dobson and Cynthia Rein
\$1,625 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center
Suzy Cho
\$700 — Mayslake Peabody Estate
Chet and Jeannette Wilczak
\$500 — Mayslake Peabody Estate

Gifts of Note to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District

BP Foundation
\$2,244.40 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center Thanks to Patricia Banaszak's Volunteer Hours
Pro-Pak Industries Inc.
\$1,500 — Greatest Needs
Greenprint LLC
\$1,200 — Recreational Equipment
Mary Ann Mahoney
\$1,000 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center
Kenneth McAfee
\$1,000 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center

Bank of America Charitable Foundation
\$500 — Adopt a Blanding's Turtle Matching Gift for Annette Thompson
John and Diane Fiore
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Annette Thompson
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\$500 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center
Carlo Treviso
\$500 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center and Greatest Needs



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED AT WEST CHICAGO PRAIRIE

The Friends of the Forest Preserve District, the nonprofit fundraising arm of the District, has received a Community Stewardship Challenge Grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to restore 6 acres of habitat at West Chicago Prairie. For every dollar the Friends raises, the ICECF will donate \$3 up to \$21,000. The foundation will contribute an additional \$4,000 if volunteers at the preserve log 400 hours before October 2019.

The forest preserve was eligible for the grant because of the active support of the West Chicago Prairie Stewardship Group, the nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to helping the high-quality site.

To maximize the match offered by the ICECF, the Friends has set a fundraising goal of \$7,000. To make a tax-deductible donation toward the project, visit dupageforestgiving.org/donate/priority-projects.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

In 2017 the Forest Preserve District began work on a new master plan, a road map to guide its management of natural areas and development of educational and recreational efforts over the next five years.

The first step was to gather opinions and comments from DuPage residents and fans of the forest preserves, so between August and November 2017 the Forest Preserve District conducted surveys and held several meetings for residents, volunteers, staff and commissioners. In all the District heard from over 6,500 individuals.


The Forest Preserve District expects to have a draft of the master plan completed by the end of the year. In the meantime, the 2017 Community Input Summary, a recap of the opinions and comments gathered last fall, is posted at dupageforest.org/master-plan.



NEW BRIDGE AT MCDOWELL GROVE

After nearly nine months of construction the main entrance to McDowell Grove has reopened with a new bridge. The crossing features a separate lane for visitors on foot or bicycle, a big improvement over the 70-year-old single-lane structure it replaced. With a clear span of the West Branch DuPage River and a higher elevation, it also limits the risk of debris catching and accumulating below during floods. The project also eliminated a dangerous entrance curve and rerouted the West Branch DuPage River trail around the parking lot.





Tree frogs don't intentionally look for milkweeds, but if they find them, the plants' wide flat leaves make great perches.

107 Milkweed Lane

by **SCOTT KOBAL**, NATURAL RESOURCES

It's summer in DuPage, which means talk has returned to milkweeds and monarchs. Milkweeds are the only plants monarch caterpillars will eat, one reason the Forest Preserve District is adding milkweeds to seed mixes and partnering with groups like DuPage Monarch Project to encourage people to put the plants in their own backyards. But far more than monarchs call milkweeds home.

Eight different kinds of milkweeds grow in DuPage, and nearly every forest preserve is home to at least one type. Their flowers provide nectar for hungry moths, butterflies and bees, and in return the insects move pollen from plant to plant. Without this exchange milkweeds couldn't reproduce, which would affect residents throughout the milkweed neighborhood.

Because of its size, one of the most noticeable locals is the milkweed longhorn beetle, a half-inch-long black-spotted red insect with antennae as long as its body. These beetles start off eating the roots and stems of milkweed plants as larvae but move up to leaves and flowers once they're adults.

The similar-looking milkweed bug is equally conspicuous, especially in late summer and early fall, when juveniles and adults cluster together to eat, primarily milkweed seeds. Being "true bugs" they have piercing, sucking mouthparts that punch through the seedpods before pumping in digestive enzymes to soften the contents, which they then siphon out.

Milkweed leaf beetles, which resemble ladybugs, visit different

plants but mostly inhabit swamp and common milkweed, which they aggressively protect. Even if females are not around, males will fight each other to keep the competition away from their home turf. Both larvae and adults prefer not to step in the sticky latex that oozes from damaged milkweed leaves; if it dries it can seal their mouths shut. They cut side veins on the leaves to let the sap drain before they eat and rub against leaves to remove any sap they do encounter.

Also on Milkweed Lane is the milkweed tussock moth. As small newly hatched larvae, these moths eat milkweed leaves but avoid piercing larger veins that contain the plants' milk-white sap, which can glue them in place. But as they grow into larger caterpillars (with tufts of fuzzy orange, black and white hairs that make them look like tiny teddy bears) they'll chew all the way through.

The oleander aphid is another permanent milkweed resident, although not one originally from these parts. These true bugs get their name from the Mediterranean oleander plant, which carried them by accident across the Atlantic. Scores of these yellow-orange bugs, each about half the size of a grain of rice, can blanket milkweed leaves as they suck out the plant's juices but are generally harmless. (Besides, efforts to remove the aphids would also remove any monarch eggs and caterpillars, the reason people plant milkweeds in the first place.)

One thing all of these insects have in common with monarchs

is their ability to store milkweeds' toxic cardiac glycosides in their bodies. The chemicals are harmless to the insects but make them unpalatable to hungry birds and mammals. As a result, all of these insects developed black-and-orange bodies to warn aggressors.

Because so many insects live and dine on milkweeds, other animals end up on the block as well. Spiders patrol the area for insect meals, and even tree frogs, which often perch on milkweeds' large flat leaves if they're in the neighborhood, will grab a winged snack or two. Syrphid flies, ladybird beetles and the larvae of lacewings (aptly known as "aphid lions") all eat oleander aphids, and ichneumon and other parasitic wasps use aphid bodies as nurseries to feed their young.

Sugar-loving ants visit milkweeds but not to eat any insects. They're stopping by instead for the "honeydew," the droppings oleander aphids leave behind. Some ants go as far as "farming" the aphids, protecting the bugs from hungry larvae and harmful fungi and rubbing their bellies so they'll excrete more of the sweet liquid.

Milkweeds offer more than meals, though. In spring Baltimore orioles and yellow warblers use dried milkweed fibers to construct their own neighborhood homes, and American goldfinches pull the soft "floss" attached to each seed to line their nests. (Not to be outdone by nature, one or two companies are using floss from commercially raised milkweeds as a hypoallergenic down alternative for insulated clothing.)

Yes, milkweeds are essential to the survival of the monarch, but take a closer look and you'll see how they're home to so much more. •



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◀ Not all animals visit milkweeds for food. American goldfinches use the fluffy "floss" attached to the seeds to line their nests.

➤ Where there are milkweeds there are oleander aphids, and where there are oleander aphids there are ants. But the ants don't have aphids on the menu. They're after "honeydew," the aphids' sweet droppings.



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➤ As adults, milkweed tussock moths are tan and drab, but as larvae, their caterpillars resemble colorful tiny teddy bears.



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➤ Scientists think milkweed bugs form clusters so predators are more likely to notice their black-and-orange bodies, a warning that the bugs contain toxins from the milkweeds plants.



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➤ Each the size of a pencil tip, these delicate hanging green lacewing eggs (right) will hatch into quarter-inch brown larvae that can eat 60 aphids an hour.



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July

- 2** Archery: Families
- 6** Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 7** Archery: Families
- 9** Archery: Intermediate
Art at Mayslake: Botanical Art Summer Blooms Begins
- 10** Archery: Active Adults
Music at Mayslake: American Classics
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 11** Fishing: Families
Kayaking: Just for Kids
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 12** Poetic Prompts to Mindfulness
- 13** Archery: Families
Fishing: Rivers
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 14** Fishing: Off the Beaten Path
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 17** Music at Mayslake: POPera

- 18** Archery: Families
Kayaking: Basics
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 19** Horse-Drawn Hayrides: Kline Creek Farm
- 20** Archery: Families
Ranger Discovery Hike
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 21** Discover Mayslake
Farm to Table: Homemade Biscuits and Butter Tasting
Volunteer Restoration Workday
Yoga: Sun Salutations for Weekend Warriors
- 22** Shinrin-Yoku
- 23** Archery: Families
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 24** Music at Mayslake: Troubadours and Vagabonds
- 25** Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 27** Archery: Games
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 28** Backyard Chickens
- 31** Music at Mayslake: A Little Tuesday Night Music



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August

- 1** Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 2** Poetic Prompts to Mindfulness
- 3** Fishing: Families
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 4** Archery: Open House
Kayaking: Basics
- 5** Ranger Discovery Hike
- 6** Archery: Families
- 7** Art at Mayslake: Exploring
Watercolor Begins
Art at Mayslake: Intro to
Watercolor Landscapes Begins
Kayaking: Adventure Series Begins
Music at Mayslake: Happy
Bernstein to You
- 8** Kayaking: Basics
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 10** Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 11** Fishing: Rivers
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 14** Yoga: Senior Strength for
Bone Health
- 15** Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 16** Horse-Drawn Hayrides: Kline Creek
Farm
- 17** Archery: Families
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 18** Green Cleaning
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
Yoga: Sun Salutations for
Weekend Warriors
- 19** Fishing: Families
Shinrin-Yoku
- 20** Archery: Intermediate
- 22** Fishing: Families
Forest Fitness Walk
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 24** Kayaking: Just for Kids
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 25** Backyard Chickens
Kayaking: Basics
Lectures at Mayslake: The
Inspiration of Nature
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 27** Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 29** Archery: Active Adults
Forest Fitness Walk
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides
- 31** FullersBird Friday
Tractor-Drawn Wagon Rides

September

- 1** Country Fair
Kayaking: With a Ranger
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 2** Country Fair
- 5** Forest Fitness Walk
Kayaking: Basics
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 6** Mindful Nature Walking for Seniors
- 7** Fishing: Families
FullersBird Friday
- 8** Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 9** Music at Mayslake: Gypsy Jazz
- 10** Archery: Families
Forest Fitness Walk
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 11** Yoga: Senior Strength for
Bone Health
- 12** Forest Fitness Walk
- 14** FullersBird Friday
Music at Mayslake: Chicago Gay
Men's Chorus Presents *Banned
Together: Censored Songs*
- 15** Archery: Games
Farm to Table: Honeybees and
Local Cheese
Kayaking: River Trip
Living Among the Coyotes
Volunteer Restoration Workday
Yoga: Sun Salutations for
Weekend Warriors
- 17** Forest Fitness Walk
- 19** Archery: Active Adults
Forest Fitness Walk
- 20** Music at Mayslake: WDCB Jazz
Presents the Jo Ann Daugherty
Trio
- 21** Archery: Families
FullersBird Friday
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 22** End of Summer S'more-gasbord
Horse-Drawn Hayrides: Danada
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 23** Horse-Drawn Hayrides: Danada
- 24** Forest Fitness Walk
- 25** Art at Mayslake: Exploring
Watercolor Begins
- 26** Forest Fitness Walk
- 28** FullersBird Friday
Sunset at the Scenic Overlook
- 29** Horse-Drawn Hayrides: Danada
Ranger Discovery Hike
Shinrin-Yoku
Volunteer Restoration Workday
Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 30** Horse-Drawn Hayrides: Danada
Sunrise at the Scenic Overlook

summer calendar



Plants & Wildlife

FullersBird Friday 13894

Join these naturalist-led hikes to see how the diversity of birds changes from summer to fall. Ages 18 and up. \$3 per person in advance; \$5 at the walk. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

Aug. 31	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	St. James Farm
Sept. 7	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Sept. 14	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Maple Grove
Sept. 21	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Blackwell
Sept. 28	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Lyman Woods



Living Among the Coyotes 14219

Hike with a wildlife ecologist and naturalist to discover the truth about urban coyotes. Learn about the role these animals play in neighborhoods and forest preserves while looking for signs of their presence. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register online or at 630-942-6200.

Sept. 15	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Danada
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Ways to Play

Archery

Active Adults 13910

Learn basic techniques and safety essentials of this classic sport. Equipment provided. Ages 50 and up. Free. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 10	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Wood Dale Grove
Aug. 29	10:30 a.m. – Noon	Blackwell
Sept. 19	10:30 a.m. – Noon	Blackwell

Families 13913

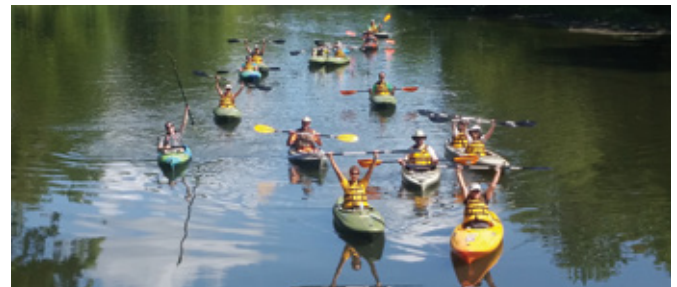
Learn basic techniques and safety essentials. Equipment provided. Ages 8 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 2, 13, 20 & 23	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Blackwell
July 7	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Churchill Woods
July 18	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Churchill Woods
Aug. 6 & 17	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Blackwell
Sept. 10	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Blackwell
Sept. 21	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Salt Creek Park

Games 14039

Learn the basics and then compete in a variety of fun games. Equipment provided. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 27	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Churchill Woods
Sept. 15	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Churchill Woods



Group Adventures by Request

Attention families, friends, youth groups and seniors! Let us plan a ranger-led archery, fishing, kayaking or nature hike program for your group of 10 or more. Ages and fees vary by program. To schedule yours, call Visitor Services weekdays at 630-933-7248.



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Intermediate 13939

Hone your skills as you focus on form, aim and release. Previous participation in a beginner archery program required. Equipment provided. Ages 8 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 9	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Blackwell
Aug. 20	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Blackwell

Open House

Learn about equipment, try some of the basics with a certified instructor, and talk to representatives from local archery groups at this fun family event. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. No registration. Questions? Call 630-933-7248.

Aug. 4	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Blackwell
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Discover Mayslake

Join us at this annual event showcasing the experiences Mayslake offers year-round. Take a self-guided tour of the mansion, enjoy live music and theater, dabble in art, try archery or kayaking, walk the preserve, and discover other exciting ways to enjoy the estate. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. No registration. Questions? Call 630-206-9566.

July 21	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Mayslake
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End of Summer S'more-gasbord 13870

Mark the end of the season on a self-guided walk through the woods. Then, stop by the campfire and try one of our gourmet s'more recipes – or create your own! All ages; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

Sept. 22	7 – 9 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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Fishing

Families 13930

Learn fish ecology and identification as well as techniques and regulations. Ages 8 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 11	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Blackwell
Aug. 3	5 – 7 p.m.	Mayslake
Aug. 19	10 a.m. – Noon	Wood Dale Grove
Aug. 22	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Blackwell
Sept. 7	5 – 7 p.m.	Mayslake

Off the Beaten Path 13987

Join a ranger for a 2-mile off-trail hike with fishing along the way. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 14	9 – 11 a.m.	Waterfall Glen
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Rivers 13984

Discover techniques for fishing in rivers and streams. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 13	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Aug. 11	10 a.m. – Noon	Fullersburg Woods



Riding Lessons 14111

Danada Equestrian Center in Wheaton

Learn valuable horsemanship and riding skills in a friendly group setting or progress at your own pace with one-on-one instruction at private lessons. Ages 12 and up. \$40 – \$250 per DuPage resident; \$50 – \$310 per nonresident. Register online or at 630-668-6012.

Golfing

*The Preserve at Oak Meadows in Addison
Maple Meadows in Wood Dale
Green Meadows in Westmont*

A round at a forest preserve course is a great way to enjoy the outdoors! Outings and leagues are available for all abilities. For tee times and specials, visit dupagegolf.com or call 630-595-0071 for The Preserve, 630-616-8424 for Maple Meadows, or 630-810-5330 for Green Meadows.



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More Ways to Play

KAYAK, CANOE AND BOAT RENTALS

Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville

Herrick Lake Forest Preserve in Wheaton

Explore Silver and Herrick lakes from a different point of view. Rentals are \$10 per hour for canoes, kayaks and rowboats (\$15 per hour for rowboats with trolling motors at Blackwell) and end one hour before closing. Questions? Call 630-933-7248.

Through Labor Day

Saturdays & Sundays 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Monday – Friday 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Open 8 a.m. July 4 & Labor Day

Sept. 8 – 30

Saturdays & Sundays 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

FAMILY CAMPING

Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville

Over 60 wooded and semiwooded sites with electricity are available Friday and Saturday nights through Sept. 30 and extra nights around the holidays. Call 630-933-7248 weekdays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. or visit dupageforest.org and click “Things to Do,” “Get Outdoors” and “Family Camping.”

GOT QUESTIONS? WE’VE GOT ANSWERS!

Visitor Services at District Headquarters in Wheaton

Need help with permits or with picnic and camping reservations? Call Visitor Services at 630-933-7248.

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NEW! Extended Summer Hours Through Aug. 30
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Kayaking

Adventure Series Four-Part Program 13920

Learn the basics as you explore different waters each week. Equipment provided. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$80 per person. Tuesdays. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

Aug. 7 – 28	5 – 7 p.m.	Multiple
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Basics 13925

Learn paddling strokes and safety tips in a one-person kayak. Equipment provided. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$20 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 18	6 – 8 p.m.	Herrick Lake
Aug. 4 & 25	10 a.m. – Noon	Hidden Lake
Aug. 8	6 – 8 p.m.	Herrick Lake
Sept. 5	1 – 3 p.m.	Herrick Lake

Just for Kids 13978

Learn the basics in a kid-friendly setting. Equipment provided. Ages 9 – 12 with an adult. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 11	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Mayslake
Aug. 24	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Hidden Lake

River Trip 13922

Take a 4-mile guided paddle through Warrenville Grove and Blackwell. Equipment provided. Ages 14 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$30 per person. Register at warrenvilleparks.org or 630-393-7279.

Sept. 15	9 a.m. – Noon	Multiple
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With a Ranger 14047

Bring your own canoe or kayak to this free guided program or rent a kayak for \$20 per person. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

Sept. 1	9 – 11:30 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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Health & Well-Being

Forest Fitness Walk 13883

Enjoy the wonders of the preserves and get some healthy exercise on these brisk guided walks that increase in distance each week. Ages 18 and up. \$3 per person in advance; \$5 at the walk. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

Aug. 22	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Springbrook
Aug. 29	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Sept. 5	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Greene Valley
Sept. 10	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Oldfield Oaks
Sept. 12	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Churchill Woods
Sept. 17	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	W. DuPage Woods
Sept. 19	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Waterfall Glen
Sept. 24	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Meacham Grove
Sept. 26	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Oldfield Oaks

Mindful Nature Walking for Seniors 14309

Experience the healing benefits of nature on a relaxing 1-mile (or shorter) guided walk designed just for you. Get tips on mindfulness and tidbits about nature, too! Come alone or bring a friend; the trail can accommodate walkers, canes and wheelchairs. Ages 60 and up. Free. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

Sept. 6	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	York Woods
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Poetic Prompts to Mindfulness 13436

Soak in the bucolic beauty of Kline Creek Farm at dusk as you muse on poems of nature, life and self by Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Li Po, Rumi and others. Ages 18 and up. Free. Register online or at 630-876-5900.

July 12	6 – 7 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
Aug. 2	6 – 7 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm

Ranger Discovery Hike 14035

Discover everything you ever wanted to know about the forest preserves – recreational opportunities, plants and animals, history, and more – on these wildly entertaining ranger-led hikes. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 20	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Waterfall Glen
Aug. 5	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Hidden Lake
Sept. 29	10 – 11:30 a.m.	Meacham Grove

Shinrin-Yoku 14240

Deepen your relationship with nature and open your senses to the physical and mental health benefits of the outdoors known as "Shinrin-yoku" on a relaxing, therapeutic guided walk at sunrise or sunset. Ages 18 and up. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

July 22	9 – 10 a.m.	Herrick Lake
Aug. 19	9 – 10 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Sept. 29	6 – 7 p.m.	Greene Valley

Sunrise at the Scenic Overlook 14049

Start your day soaking up the sunrise 190 feet above the surrounding landscape. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. No registration. Questions? Call 630-933-7248.

Sept. 30	6 – 7:30 a.m.	Greene Valley
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Sunset at the Scenic Overlook 14048

Drink in the sunset from 190 feet above the surrounding landscape. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

Sept. 28	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Greene Valley
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Scenic Overlook

Greene Valley Forest Preserve in Naperville

Get a bird's-eye view of Greene Valley — and the Chicago skyline — from 190 feet above the landscape. Free. Questions? Call 630-792-2100.

Through Oct. 28

Saturdays & Sundays 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Weather or IEPA work may affect hours without notice.



Volunteer Restoration Workday 14084

Help improve a prairie or woodland by collecting seeds or removing nonnative plants. Ages 8 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register online or at 630-206-9630 at least five days in advance (10 days by phone for groups of five or more).

July 10	9 a.m. – Noon	St. James Farm
July 21	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill/Glacial
July 21	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook
Aug. 11	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill/Glacial
Aug. 25	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook
Sept. 1 & 15	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill Woods
Sept. 8	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill/Glacial
Sept. 22	9 a.m. – Noon	W. Chicago Prairie
Sept. 22 & 29	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook

Volunteer Workday at the Nursery 14097

Help weed, water, or collect and clean seeds from native grasses and flowers. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. Free. Register online or at 630-206-9630 at least five days in advance (10 days by phone for groups of five or more).

July 6, 14, 18 & 23	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell
Aug. 1, 10, 18 & 27	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell
Sept. 5, 10, 21 & 29	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell

Yoga

Senior Strength for Bone Health 14254

Learn safe yoga practices and ways to move through everyday chores while improving flexibility and increasing bone density. Ages 50 and up. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

Aug. 14	10 – 11 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Sept. 11	10 – 11 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods

Sun Salutations for Weekend Warriors 14250

Soak in your surroundings at the top of the scenic overlook while doing sun salutations and warrior poses. It's a great way to get moving after working hard all week! Ages 18 and up. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

July 21	8 – 9 a.m.	Greene Valley
Aug. 18	8 – 9 a.m.	Greene Valley
Sept. 15	8 – 9 a.m.	Greene Valley

Living Green

Backyard Chickens 13410

Find out how to buy and raise chicks for eggs and meat as you learn about shelter, care, nutrition, breed characteristics and processing for the dinner table. Ages 18 and up. \$40 per person. Register online or at 630-876-5900.

July 28	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
Aug. 25	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm

Farm to Table

Homemade Biscuits and Butter Tasting 13871

Bake delicious homemade biscuits in an 1890s summer kitchen, learn how to make your own butter the historic way, and enjoy fresh, local herbs in your creations. Ages 18 and up. \$15 per person. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

July 21	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
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Honeybees and Local Cheese 13882

Ever wonder how much honey comes from one hive or how many gallons of milk it takes to make cheese? Find the answers and the histories of these foods as you learn how to pair the two as you taste local selections. Ages 18 and up. \$15 per person. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

Sept. 15	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
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Green Cleaning 13869

Work with a naturalist using tried-and-true recipes to craft three different chemical-free cleaning solutions. Learn how to choose the right essential oils or herbs for the job and how to use low-cost, natural, readily available materials to clean your home. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

Aug. 18	1 – 2:30 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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Heritage

Country Fair

Experience a fair from DuPage County's agricultural past featuring 1890s technology, trades and blue-ribbon winners, midway games and entertainment, and the Museum of Wonder and Awe. All ages. Free. No registration. Questions? Call 630-876-5900.

Sept. 1 & 2	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
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Horse-Drawn Hayrides

These 30-minute rides are first-come, first-served. All ages; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person ages 5 and up; under 5 free. No registration.

Danada

Take a seat on a straw bale and relax on a leisurely ride through the surrounding preserve. Rides begin at 1, 1:45 and 2:30 p.m. For questions or private evening rides, call 630-668-6012.

Sept. 22, 23, 29 & 30	1 – 3 p.m.	Danada
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Kline Creek Farm

Hear about farming with real horsepower on a ride through the farmstead and fields. Rides begin at 5:30, 6:15 and 7 p.m. For questions or private rides, call 630-876-5900.

July 19	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm
Aug. 16	5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Kline Creek Farm

Tractor-Drawn Covered Wagon Rides

Learn about the buildings, natural areas and equestrian roots of this preserve. These 30-minute rides are first-come first-served and begin at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. All ages; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person ages 5 and up; under 5 free. No registration. Questions? Call 630-580-7025.

July 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 & 27	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	St. James Farm
Aug. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 & 31	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	St. James Farm



1890s Living

Kline Creek Farm in West Chicago

Registration is not required for these free programs. Questions? Call 630-876-5900.

**NEW! EXTENDED THURSDAY SUMMER HOURS
THROUGH AUGUST
THURSDAYS 9 A.M. – 8 P.M.**

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.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

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

**Through Aug. 27
Mondays 10 a.m.**

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS

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. 30
Mondays & Thursdays 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30 p.m.**

LIFE ON THE FARM HOUSE TOUR

Explore the lifestyle of a successful 1890s farm family as you tour the farmhouse museum.

Thursday – Monday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the hour



Nature Art & Performances

Art at Mayslake

Botanical Art Summer Blooms Four-Part Class 13961
Learn to capture the details of plants that grow in the gardens and in the wild in graphite and watercolor or watercolor alone. Mondays. Ages 18 and up. \$100 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

July 9 – 30	7 – 9:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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Exploring Watercolor Six-Part Class 13963
Improve your skills at this intermediate-advanced, open-studio-style class. Work on independent and group projects and get feedback in group critique sessions. Tuesdays. (No class on Oct. 16.) Ages 18 and up. \$125 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Aug. 7 – Sept. 11	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Mayslake
Sept. 25 – Nov. 6	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Mayslake

Intro to Watercolor Landscapes Six-Part Class 13969
Learn basic techniques and try sketching and plein air exercises that use the beautiful landscape of the surrounding preserve at this class for beginners. Tuesdays. (No classes Oct. 16 and 23.) Ages 18 and up. \$125 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Aug. 7 – Sept. 11	1:30 – 4 p.m.	Mayslake
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Lectures at Mayslake: The Inspiration of Nature 13967

Enjoy historian Leslie Goddard's portrayal of Georgia O'Keeffe, which reflects on the legendary artist's life and discusses her intense closeness to flowers, nature and the landscape around her New Mexico homes. This living-history performance will be outdoors, weather permitting. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Aug. 25	2 – 3 p.m.	Mayslake
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Music at Mayslake

Chicago Gay Men's Chorus Presents *Banned Together: Censored Songs*

Enjoy songs by Madonna, Billie Holiday, The Beatles and others once banned or censored. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$20 – \$35 per person. Tickets at cgmc.org.

Sept. 14	8 – 10 p.m.	Mayslake
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Gypsy Jazz 14018

Enjoy an outdoor concert featuring swinging gypsy jazz. Rain date Sept. 16. All ages; under 18 with an adult. \$10 per person ages 11 and up; 10 and under free. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 9	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Mayslake
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Restoration-in-Progress Tours

Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook

Learn about the past — and future — of this historic 1920s Tudor Revival-style mansion. All ages; under 18 with an adult. \$8 per person. No registration. Questions? Call 630-206-9566.

Wednesdays 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9:30, 10, 11 & 11:30 a.m.



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Sinfonietta Bel Canto Series

A reception with light refreshments follows each performance. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 – \$20 per person per concert. Tickets at sinfoniettabelcanto.org or 630-384-5007.

American Classics

Enjoy the most memorable tunes from two of America's greatest composers: Irving Berlin and George Gershwin.

July 10	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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Happy Bernstein to You

Celebrate the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein, whose compositions – ranging from musical theater to oratorio to opera – continue to leave an indelible mark on the heart, mind and soul.

Aug. 7	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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A Little Tuesday Night Music

Delight in compositions by Stephen Sondheim, who's written some of the finest music for stage in the 20th century.

July 31	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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POPera

Surround yourself with the pizzazz of pop and the passion of opera with a celebration of the fusion of popular melodies with great classical standards.

July 17	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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Troubadours and Vagabonds

Enjoy beautiful and elegant voice, guitar and violin as you're transported to other eras by harmonies and melodies that connect the human spirit of all times and cultures.

July 24	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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WDCB Jazz Presents the Jo Ann Daugherty Trio ¹⁴⁰¹⁶

Pianist and composer Jo Ann Daugherty brings her love of music to this night of unforgettable jazz. All ticket proceeds will go to the restoration of historic Mayslake Hall. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$15 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 20	7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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Theater and More at Mayslake

Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook

FIRST FOLIO THEATRE'S *SHREW'D*

Relax under the trees while you enjoy a sharp new take on Shakespeare's comic battle of the sexes. Set in 1930s Chicago with a sharp jazz score, *Shrew'd* offers a Kate who's Petruchio's equal — and who makes him happy to discover it. All ages; under 16 with an adult. \$10 – \$44 per person. Tickets at 630-986-8067 or firstfolio.org.

July 11 – Aug. 19

Wednesday – Sunday 8:15 – 10:15 p.m.

ART EXHIBITS

All ages. Free. No registration. Questions? Call 630-206-9566.

Nature Artists Guild of the Morton Arboretum
Through July 13

Illinois: 200 Years in the Making

July 18 – Aug. 10

Illinois Watercolor Society

Aug. 15 – Sept. 19

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Many anglers wear waterproof waders if they're going to make a day of standing in a river.

Fishing With the Flow

by **MARTY JANDURA**, COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION

Six anglers crowd around a pool not much larger than a pickup truck. They toss their lines into the shallow flowing water, hoping for a quick bite from a hungry creek chub or sunfish. They range in age from 10 to 55 but are all waiting for the same rush: the pull of a fish at the end of a line. This scene could take place at any lakeside ranger-led fishing program, but today's group is not fishing waters measured in acres. It's casting along Sawmill Creek.

At 10 feet across, Sawmill Creek at Waterfall Glen is one of the county's smaller off-the-beaten-path waterways — with smaller fish — but Salt Creek and the east and west branches of the DuPage River all offer a shot at small- and largemouth bass, walleye, northern pike and the occasional muskie.

When you're fishing a river, current is key in deciding where and how to present your bait. Most fish hold in areas adjacent to the current and not directly in it. If they stayed in the main current they'd use more energy, which means they'd need more food. (Think of it like swimming continuously on a flowing treadmill.) It's much more efficient to hang out in slower waters, darting into the faster only for passing food.

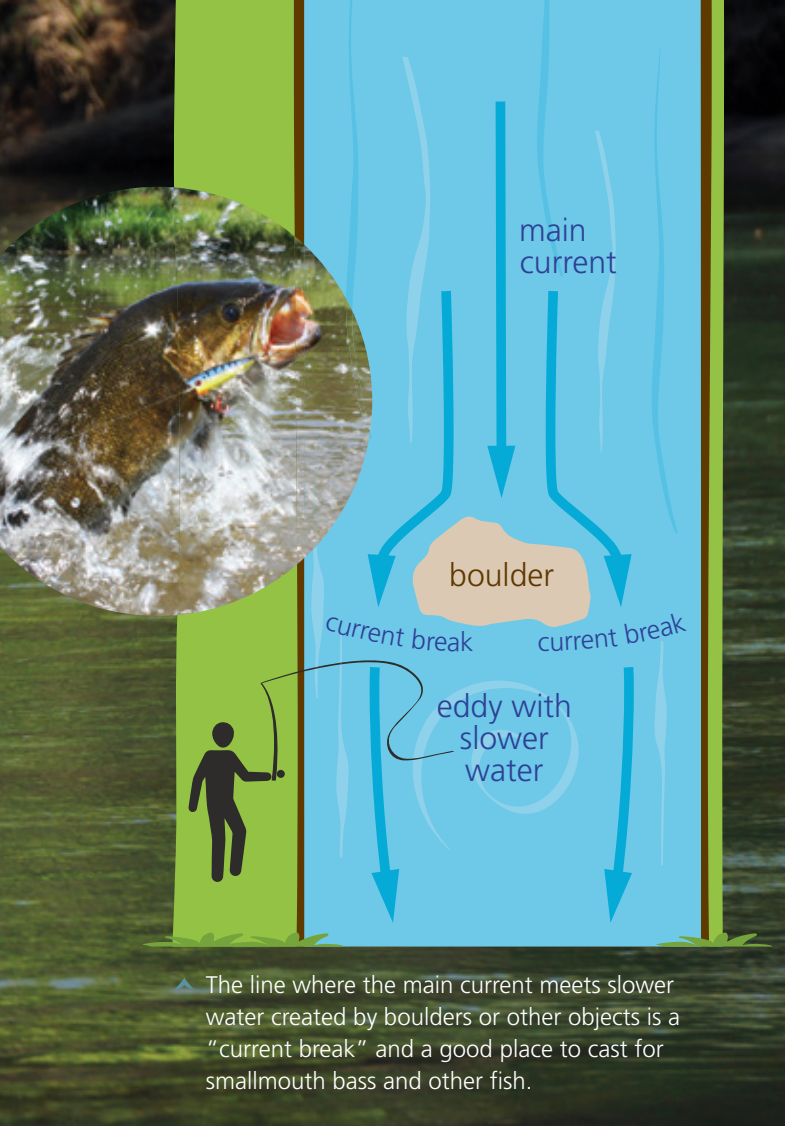
To find these slower waters, look for features such as boulders, bridge pilings and points of land, which create

calmer, swirling pockets called “eddies.” The imaginary line where the main current passes the boulder or piling and meets the eddy is called the “current break” and is where you want to cast. Fish hold tight to current breaks, especially when the main current is strong. Another prime casting location is downstream of any barrier that prevents fish from moving upstream, such as riffles (submerged rocks in shallow areas that create fast, choppy water) or a dam.

Once you cast, you need to watch what your bait is doing and adjust accordingly. If you're bottom fishing and casting across the current to reach a current break but your bait gets swept downstream, you'll either need to add weight to keep your line where you want it or change your location. If you're fishing with artificial lures, you'll notice they act differently upriver than

With 45 miles of rivers and streams, DuPage forest preserves offer some great out-of-the-way places to cast in peace, such as this inviting stretch along Salt Creek.





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▲ Want to give river fishing a try? Get expert advice at a ranger-led program. Our summer lineup is on Page 11.

you go. Anchors and drift socks can help stop or slow drifts in certain areas and keep your boat straight.

But for many anglers, it's only true river fishing if you get your feet wet. For years wading has been the preferred method for people who fly fish, but other anglers are trying it as well. It's not allowed in DuPage forest preserve lakes or ponds, but you can wade in rivers.

Wading allows stealth presentation and lets you cast into areas you might not be able to hit from the shore or a boat. An easy way to store gear when wading is to ditch the traditional tackle box and use a backpack, waist pack or fishing vest, which gives you hands-free movement and the ability to continue casting as you test different areas.

Enter the water slowly and avoid deep water, fast currents and sedimentation. Use a wading stick to check the river bottom ahead of you, or shuffle with your weight on your back foot so you can step back if your footing is unsure. Floodwaters are extremely dangerous, especially if you're wading or in a boat, so be aware of current conditions and be cautious. Look for fast-moving floating debris and check the weather report.

No matter how you fish, always dry and clean your gear when you're done to avoid carrying invasive plants and animals — some invisible to the naked eye — to other waters.

Rivers are the forest preserves' most underused fishing spots but offer exciting casts and catches year-round. For locations, creel limits, tips and tricks, download a copy of the Forest Preserve District's fishing guide or register for a ranger-led program at dupageforest.org. And then get ready to go with the flow! •

➤ If you're fishing rivers and streams, ditch the tackle box. Waist packs or vests with handy pockets let you cast and move through the water with ease.





Preserve-a-Palooza

by JAYNE BOHNER, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

If you have lawn chairs and sunscreen in your car and a couple hundred dollars in concert tickets in your pocket, you're likely headed to a summer music festival. But DuPage forest preserves have their own summer performers, and you don't have to ante up to get a front-row seat.

Rolling Rapids

In 2011 the Forest Preserve District and its partners celebrated the completion of a massive endeavor: removing the dam across the DuPage River at Warrenville Grove. The dam trapped fish and mussels downstream and created an upstream stew of decomposing plant and animal matter that stripped the water of the dissolved oxygen fish and other animals needed to survive.

Today, the river flows in a more natural state over rocks and gravel that provide healthy habitat for aquatic animals. They also create some of the world's most pleasing sounds: the trickles and roars of water as it slips around boulders and jets through open chutes created for passing canoes and kayaks.

The Flight of the Dragonfly

There are dozens of spots near open water where you can listen for dragonflies, and the trail along the southeast shore of Pickerel Lake at Pratt's Wayne Woods is one of them. With such scenic waters it can be difficult to force yourself to close your eyes, but by doing so you can tune your ears into some of the preserve's fastest flyers.

Dragonflies beat their wings about 30 times a second, each stroke creating an audible wind vibration. From the 1.5-inch wingspan of an eastern amberwing to the 4-inch span of a green darner, you'll hear a range of scales as these mosquito-eating marvels zip by.

Banjos and Bullfrogs

Some frogs only sing in spring, but green frogs, American bullfrogs and others call throughout summer. Male green frogs looking for mates belt out explosive twangs that sound a lot like loose banjo strings. More familiar sounds are the baritone *jugonums* of male bullfrogs, which you can hear over a half mile away. Often mistaken for crickets, breeding American toads project high repeating trills, each lasting up to 20 seconds. Gray tree frogs make similar-sounding warbles but in 3-second bursts.

One place to enjoy these amphibian headliners is near the south shelter at Herrick Lake. If no one's performing, listen for calls on a walk around the 1-mile Lake Trail. The grassy area by the pond near the Elsen's Hill parking lot at West DuPage Woods is another popular spot.

A Little Night Music

Great horned owls end their mating calls in late winter but perform their well-known *hoo-HOO-hoo-hoos* all summer long. Screech owls belt out shrieking whinnies that can be both startling and impressive, especially for birds the size of pint



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- ▲ With a 4-inch wingspan beating 30 times per second, the common green darner is one of the area's most noticeable dragonflies, by sight and by sound.



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- ▲ You can hear green frogs along forest preserve ponds and lakes all summer long. Each explosive twang sounds like a person plucking a loose banjo string.

glasses. In many wooded areas these birds are backed up by a looped score of trilling crickets, katydids, toads and tree frogs.

A site at the Blackwell family campground grants you admission to these nightly concertos, but so does a short visit to a preserve as the sun readies to set. DuPage forest preserves, after all, are open daily one hour after sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Trail Tunes

When bicycle tires roll over the fine grains of a crushed limestone trail (the most common type of trail in DuPage forest preserves) the friction creates a calming drone with the power to drown out far-off traffic.

At Hidden Lake, Greene Valley, Meacham Grove and other locations, American goldfinches, red-winged blackbirds, black-capped chickadees and dog day cicadas mix their vocals with the pleasing pedal-driven rhythm.

Down on the Farm

For sounds of DuPage from a century ago, spend some time at Kline Creek Farm. In addition to clucks, neighs and moos, on Saturday afternoons you can hear wood crackle in the blacksmith's forge as hammer clangs against anvil and hot iron tools hiss as they're dipped in water to cool. The toll of the bell at the top of the hour announces the start of another farmhouse tour, and the trickles of Klein Creek on the walk back to your car remind you to visit again soon. •



- ▲ A visit right before sunset to any DuPage forest preserve, such as Mallard Lake shown here, lets you hear several nighttime creatures as they start to sing.



- ▲ For many visitors, the rhythm of tires on a trail is a calming forest preserve feature. The calls of passing birds and insects add ever-changing layers of sound to the mix.

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GENERAL *Contacts*

HEADQUARTERS

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The office is open Monday – Friday
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630-871-6400

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GOLF *Courses*

THE PRESERVE AT OAK MEADOWS

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

MAPLE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

272 S. Addison Road
Wood Dale, IL 60191
630-616-8424

GREEN MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

18W201 W. 63rd St.
Westmont, IL 60559
630-810-5330



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 –
Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and is closed on
Saturdays, Sundays and select holidays.

FULLERSBURG WOODS NATURE EDUCATION CENTER

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

April – October the center is open daily
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. but is closed on select
holidays. November – March hours
may vary.

KLINE CREEK FARM

1N600 County Farm Road
West Chicago, IL 60185
630-876-5900

The farm is open Thursday – Monday
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is closed on Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and select holidays.

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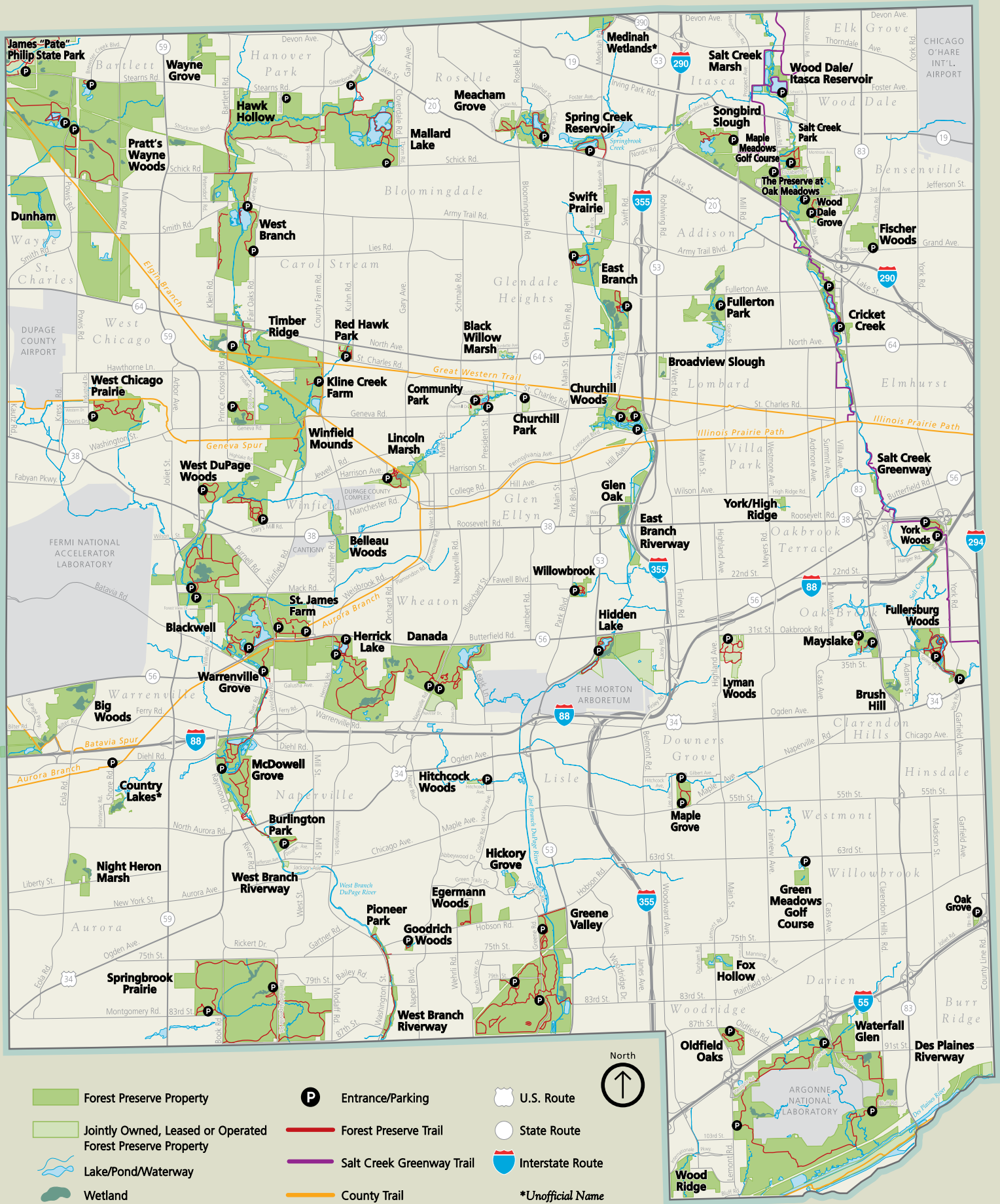
1717 W. 31st St.
Oak Brook, IL 60523
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The estate is open only during scheduled
programs and events.

WILLOWBROOK WILDLIFE CENTER

525 S. Park Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
630-942-6200

The visitor center and the surrounding
Willowbrook Forest Preserve are open daily
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The animal admittance
area is open 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. All areas
are closed on select holidays.





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"Is there a fee for that?"

"When do you open?"

"Can I take my dog?"

"Will we need a permit?"

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