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# from the president



As we continue to make our way through such a tumultuous year, I hope that you, like me, have been able to look to DuPage forest preserves for opportunities to relax and recharge. While we eagerly await the re-opening of our education centers, it's important to remember the experiences DuPage forest preserves continue to provide during these times.

Whether you're in need of an invigorating run or a bike ride over several miles or are looking for a footpath where you can reflect and unwind as you wander through the woods, the forest preserves have 166 miles of open trails. You can find maps for them online at [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org).

Whether you like to drop a line on a lazy afternoon or soak up a double dose of fall colors as they're reflected on the water, you have your choice of 30 lakes and 45 miles of rivers and streams. Even if you don't consciously pick up on it, just being near water reduces stress and anxiety, lowers your heart rate, and increases your overall sense of well-being.

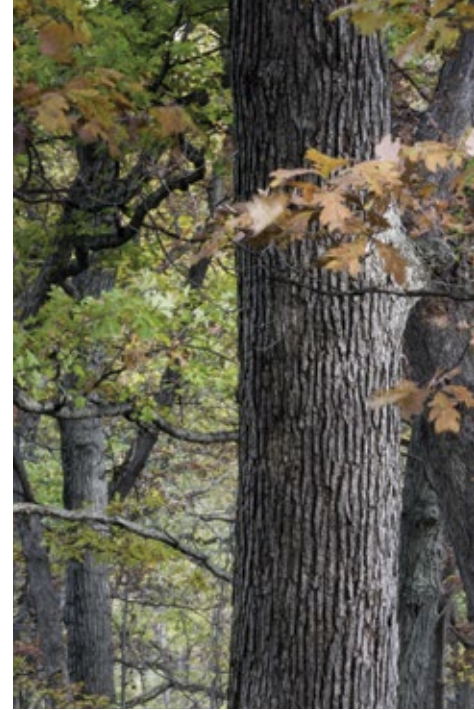
And many forest preserves have mowed grassy areas where you can spread a blanket and just watch the clouds float by (a personal favorite of my kids).

Of course because we're still complying with Restore Illinois, we remind visitors to continue to practice social distancing and to wear face masks, especially when it's not possible to remain more than 6 feet away from others.

So when you decide it's time to turn off the news and tune into nature, remember your DuPage forest preserves will be there.

**Daniel Hebreard**

President, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County



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On the cover: Shagbark hickory © Ole Schoener

## 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

## PLEASE NOTE

At press time the information in News & Notes is correct, but as Restore Illinois guidelines change, so might the Forest Preserve District's lineup. For the latest, visit [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org).



## BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS *Coming to Hidden Lake*

The Forest Preserve District plans to replace a bridge at Round Meadow Lake at Hidden Lake in Downers Grove with a 14-foot-wide steel truss prefabricated structure similar to ones installed at Mallard Lake, St. James Farm and Blackwell. It is also going to rebuild a historic 1870s bridge that crosses the East Branch DuPage River and connects the north half of the preserve to Eagle Lake.

During construction at both bridges, the Eagle Lake portion of the preserve will be closed, and there will be periodic disruptions to the trail around Round Meadow Lake.

Work is expected to begin in summer 2021 and finish by the end of the year. Both bridges are certified projects on the Forest Preserve District's master plan.

## MACK ROAD TRAIL COMING TO ST. JAMES FARM

The Forest Preserve District is adding a 0.5-mile east-west limestone and asphalt trail south of Mack Road at St. James Farm in Warrenville. The trail, open later this fall, will connect to the preserve's main loop and will eventually link to county trails along Winfield Road and a future trail at Cantigny Park.

The \$300,000 project was paid in part by a \$200,000 Recreational Trails Program grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and funds from the St. James Farm endowment.



## DISTRICT CELEBRATES MILESTONE TURTLE RELEASE

For 25 years the Forest Preserve District has been collecting female state-endangered Blanding's turtles in the wild, hatching their eggs in captivity, and then releasing the young after one to two years. The hope is these sheltered early years improve the juveniles' chances of survival.

This summer, for the first time, the District and partner agency Brookfield Zoo released young hatched not only in captivity (this time at the zoo) but also from females raised in captivity themselves from eggs collected years earlier in a DuPage forest preserve. The District has supplied the zoo with Blanding's for several years, but because it takes the turtles until their early teens to reach reproductive maturity, 2019 was the first year the zoo's adult females could successfully lay fertile eggs.

It was a key release, too, because if these young have no surviving relatives in the wild, they may carry genetics not present in the preserves for over 20 years.

## THANK YOU FROM DANADA (AND DUKE!)

Thanks to 95 generous donors, the Friends of the Forest Preserve District raised over \$5,000 for the care of the Danada Equestrian Center's new colt, Duke.

Each donor received a hand-drawn or -painted portrait of the young horse or (a Danada horse of choice), created by equestrian center volunteers and Forest Preserve District employees. The sketch below was one drawn by Danada and St. James Farm volunteer Deb Yotka.

Staff learned Duke's mother was pregnant during a pre-purchase exam, so the colt's costs were not part of the center's budget for the coming year.



## MANY Thanks

The Forest Preserve District thanks the donors who contributed to its efforts between June 1 and Sept. 30. To learn how your financial support can benefit the District, visit [dupageforest.org/friends](http://dupageforest.org/friends).

To give to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit fundraising arm of the District, visit [dupageforest.org/donate](http://dupageforest.org/donate).

### Gifts of Note

Judith Anderson  
\$1,000 – Willowbrook Wildlife Center  
Theodore Utchen  
\$600 – Mayslake Peabody Estate

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## COLLECTIONS Corner

This past summer, while working on the new trail at Dunham in Wayne, construction workers and Forest Preserve District staff uncovered buried history: several cultural artifacts, including a stone projectile point.

Crews immediately halted their work, and the Forest Preserve District called in a team of Illinois archaeologists, who unearthed and identified a total of seven artifacts (some of which are pictured at the right) belonging to indigenous people from some time during the Early Archaic Period, which occurred 10,000 to 3,000 years ago.

Discoveries such as these remind us that although DuPage is a modern suburban community, the land has a rich past, and we should be prepared if we stumble upon traces of it. If you spot something in a forest preserve you think may have historical significance, photograph the item without moving it and share the location with us.

Artifacts deserve care and are protected by law, and only state-certified archaeologists can conduct digs on public property because, to paraphrase the immortal words of Indiana Jones, "They belong in a museum!"



# news & notes



## **X-RAY EQUIPMENT** *Aids Treatment at Willowbrook*

Staff at the Forest Preserve District's Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn is now better able to diagnose and treat injured native wildlife thanks to new X-ray equipment purchased with an estate gift from a Glen Ellyn man.

With the previous system, wildlife handlers physically placed a plate under a patient, took the X-ray, removed the plate, and then inserted the plate into a developer, a process that took 30 to 60 seconds.

With the new system, the plate is permanently attached under the radiograph table, and the image is digitally generated in under 8 seconds. The time saved can make a difference to an animal under anesthesia, such as the herring gull to the left, which is being X-rayed for a broken leg bone.

The new radiography system also provides greater detail for small animals. This is important because the majority of Willowbrook Wildlife Center patients are under 5 pounds; some songbirds weigh only an ounce.

## **2021 ANNUAL PERMITS ON SALE DEC. 1**

Annual permits for private boating, stand-up paddleboarding, archery, off-leash dog areas and model crafts go on sale Dec. 1 at [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org) under "Registration & Permits."

Permits will be available at the headquarters office at 3S580 Naperville Road in Wheaton, but to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 the Forest Preserve District is trying to keep the number of people who visit the office to a minimum. If possible, permit holders should make their purchases online. Assistance is always available weekdays through Visitor Services at 630-933-7248.



## **BECAUSE DEER DON'T LOOK BOTH WAYS**

A deer can run in front of your car anytime, but the risk goes up in fall, when these animals have one thing on their minds: finding mates. Because they're not concerned about you, it's up to you to watch for them.

- Be careful at dawn and dusk, when deer are most active and visibility is poor. Odds are higher along woods, fields, fencerows and rivers.
- Watch for deer-crossing signs. Agencies post them in areas that have had multiple accidents.
- Slow down when approaching deer. They may bolt or quickly change direction without warning.
- Deer often travel in groups, so if you see one, be ready for more.
- Don't swerve into oncoming traffic to avoid deer. Slow to a stop, wait and flash your headlights.
- If you have passengers, make sure they're on deer patrol, too.
- If you hit a deer, don't try to move it. Call law enforcement instead.



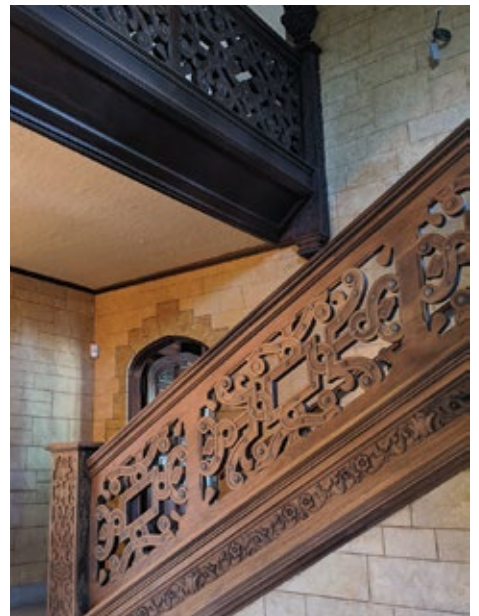
## EVERY 100 YEARS *Whether It Needs It or Not*

The staircase at historic Mayslake Hall is receiving a much-needed face-lift.

Made of walnut and designed with band saws, the ornate 1920s staircase was assembled at a factory and installed in Mayslake Hall as a prominent entryway focal point. Now 100 years later, the original finish has dulled and must be removed.

Restorers are using wire brushes (no chemicals) to remove the finish and are then applying an oil-modified water-based finish. Because walnut darkens naturally when exposed to air, they'll apply the satin-sheen finish lightly to allow the natural color and carved detail of the wood to once again show. (Compare the refinished wood in the lower staircase with the darker wood up top.) Workers are also using historic restoration techniques to repair decorative details, such as the urns atop the newel posts.

The staircase restoration project began in August and should be completed by the end of the year, again making the entryway the hall's focal point, just as F.S. Peabody intended.



## GIVE THE GIFT *of Nature*

Looking for a gift for that someone who has everything? Want an easy way to pay for DuPage forest preserve camps and programs? Then get a Forest Preserve District gift card!

Use the cards to pay for programs and camps; reserve picnic shelters and campsites; rent canoes, kayaks, or boats; or buy cool swag. You can buy cards through Visitor Services at 630-933-7248 or [forest@dupageforest.org](mailto:forest@dupageforest.org).

Interested in golf? Get gift cards good at all three Forest Preserve District courses at [DuPageGolf.com](http://DuPageGolf.com).



## BOARD MEETINGS

For the safety of visitors as well as staff, until further notice, all Board of Commissioners meetings will be online only. You can link directly to live streaming video from the Forest Preserve District's Facebook page at [facebook.com/dupageforest](https://facebook.com/dupageforest) and from [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org).

Details on how to submit public comments or watch recordings of previous meetings and links to agendas and minutes are at [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org) under "Our Board."

Normally, commission meetings are at 8 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month; planning sessions, 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays. At both the board hears public comments and staff reports, discusses business, and votes on agenda items.

## DUNHAM TRAIL OPENS

The Forest Preserve District recently celebrated the opening of a 1.2-mile trail, scenic overlook, 2-acre picnic area and 25-car parking lot at Dunham in Wayne. The trail provides the first public access to the 374-acre preserve, which features 212 acres of Class IV prairie and wetlands, some of the highest quality habitat in the county.

Funded in part by a \$1.3 million grant from the Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program, the trail connects Dunham with a historic train depot in Wayne to the northeast and the Cornerstone Lake Park in West Chicago to the south.





▲ The silver-haired bat was one of a handful of species recently identified at St. James Farm.

# All About Bats

by **BRIAN KRASKIEWICZ**, NATURAL RESOURCES

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**F**or some people, the knowledge that eight different types of bats live in DuPage forest preserves isn't a comforting thought, but the role bats play in local ecosystems — and the challenges they face in maintaining those roles — may make a lot of people reconsider these fascinating fliers.

Although the big brown bat is the most common, eastern red, hoary, little brown, silver-haired, evening, tri-colored and federally threatened northern long-eared myotis bats have all been recorded in DuPage forest preserves. (The federally endangered Indiana bat was once ID'd here but has not been seen in the county for many years.)

In summer these nocturnal animals spend their days in local woodlands, either in tree cavities or under the loose bark of trees such as shagbark hickories. Males, nonpregnant females, and many pregnant females generally roost individually, but pregnant big brown bats tend to roost in maternity colonies (sometimes in inviting attics to many a homeowner's dismay).

But just after sunset and throughout the night, bats emerge to forage for insects such as moths, beetles, midges, garden-damaging tomato fruitworms, and even mosquitoes, although contrary to popular belief bats snag few mosquitoes compared to larger, easier-to-catch insects. Their role in keeping insect populations in check is impressive: One female big brown bat with pups, for instance, can eat her weight in insects every night.

To find their small meals bats use acrobatic flying skills coupled with "echolocation." By sending out high-pitched signals and then listening for the echoes, bats can determine

the exact location of their prey. Echolocation allows bats to navigate through the night sky while avoiding what researchers call "clutter," obstacles such as trees, buildings, and other bats.

If woodlands become too cluttered with nonnative shrubs such as European buckthorn or honeysuckle, bats may start avoiding these areas. To offset these negative effects, the Forest Preserve District not only removes brushy nonnative trees and shrubs but also reintroduces native plants, which can support a greater variety of insects — and insect meals for bats. These combined efforts provide bats with the healthy ecosystems they need to find food and raise their young.

Habitat restoration projects are important, but they're not the only management tools the Forest Preserve District uses to help local bat populations. Ecologists also monitor forest preserves at night for bats, an activity that can help them determine which species live where, if any endangered or threatened species, such as the northern long-eared myotis, are present, or if particular habitats are in need of restoration.

One survey technique is mist netting. Researchers hang fine nylon nets in the woods, which harmlessly trap any bats that fly by. They can then identify and measure each animal before releasing it.

A more common technique is acoustic monitoring. Ultrasonic microphones detect and record bats' echolocation calls, which are produced at a higher frequency than the human ear can hear, and transform them into audible sounds. Acoustic monitoring can be passive, where researchers leave a recording device in an area for a night or two, or active, where they walk a designated route with a microphone to record





## The Bats of St. James Farm

On the night of Aug. 21 ecologists walked the trails of St. James Farm, using ultrasonic microphones to record bat echolocation calls as they went.

This map shows the 143 calls they identified.

- Big brown bat — 76
- Hoary bat — 23
- Silver-haired bat — 43
- Little brown bat — 1

any calls. In either case, this method provides a better idea of which species are in a particular area because it records more than the individuals that end up in a mist net.

At the Forest Preserve District, ecologists use active acoustic monitoring. As they walk and the microphones record calls, computer software — sometimes even special smartphone or tablet apps — mark the GPS coordinates. This can reveal which habitats certain species prefer.

The software can also help identify species. As with bird songs, bat calls are species-specific, and the call structure (the frequency and shape of the call) can reveal which bat made it. But bats vary their calls depending on the environment, and these variations can make one bat sound like another, making identification difficult at times. With only eight species of bats in DuPage, though, a close look at the frequency and shape of calls can narrow down the possibilities.

As temperatures start to drop in fall, DuPage bats ready for hibernation, moving to sheltered areas where they can rest undisturbed until spring. A few species even migrate to overwintering caves in Wisconsin or southern Illinois. (It's these cave environments that contribute to the spread of white-nosed syndrome, a fungus that can have a detrimental effect on bat populations.)

Regardless of one's personal feelings, the fact is bats play an important role in controlling populations of nighttime insects in DuPage forest preserves. By continuing to restore related habitats and monitor bat populations, the Forest Preserve District can ensure these amazing mammals continue to have protected summer places to call home. •



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▲ At just 3 inches long, little brown bats are easy to miss when they roost on trees and rocks during the day.



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▲ The hoary bat gets its common name from its fur, which looks like it's tipped with hoarfrost.



✓ Shagbark hickory trees look as if they're covered in peeling shingles of bark.

# By the Bark

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by **DAVE ANDRUSYK**, FULLERSBURG WOODS NATURE EDUCATION CENTER

**T**he fall color show may be over, but that doesn't mean you can't easily identify the trees you pass along the trails. Bare trees still have many tricks up their branches, and bark is one of them.

Bark comes in a variety of colors and textures depending on the type of tree, from smooth and unbroken to scaly and peeling. Some is even quite rough with distinctive ridges (the part that sticks out) and furrows (the part that goes deep into the tree). Characteristics like these can make it easy to ID trees as you walk through the leafless woodlands.

As you increase your observational skills, pay close attention, and you may see details in the bark you never noticed before.

## Smooth Bark

Quite a few saplings start out with smooth bark, which can make early identification a challenge, but only a few trees and shrubs remain smooth as they mature. One is musclewood, or American hornbeam. This small tree's bark gives off a blueish-green hue and has smooth ridges that resemble a flexed muscle. (Scientists refer to these as "fluted" ridges.) You



▲ As its name suggests, musclewood bark looks like the sinewy lines of a muscle.



▲ The deep ridges and furrows on the bark of a black walnut create long box-shaped patterns.



can find muscledwood on a walk along the Riverbend Trail at Fullersburg Woods in Oak Brook.

### Deep Ridges and Furrows

Black walnut is covered in dark gray to black bark with furrows and ridges that create a boxlike pattern. (Of course you can also ID walnut trees by looking for the fallen nuts and shells around the base.) You can find the large canopies of black walnuts growing among the oaks at several forest preserves, such as at Waterfall Glen in the Bluff Savanna near the Des Plaines Overlook.

The furrows along the gray to whitish bark of a white oak are more random. Some white oak bark can even look mottled as if it's covered in light-colored splotches. These splotches are a type of fungal infection called "smooth patch," which causes the top part of the bark to split off from the tree. Smooth patch is not harmful to a white oak, but it does make identifying the tree a lot easier.

The bark on a northern red oak, on the other hand, is almost black. It's long furrows extend all the way up the trunk and can look like stripes or the runs on a ski slope. Red and white oaks grow together in many forest preserve woodlands.

### Peeling or Shaggy Bark

As its name suggests, river birch is typically found along streams and rivers, but it also grows in low wet woodlands. Its brownish to reddish-brown bark looks shredded or curled. Several specimens grow along the river birch "allée" (a landscaped lane of intentionally planted trees) at St. James Farm in Warrenville.

A more common shaggy-barked tree is the aptly named shagbark hickory. The bark on these large trees separates into long scales that look as if they're peeling off the tree. Shagbarks grow in oak woodlands throughout DuPage forest preserves, including at Blackwell in Warrenville.

### Knobby Bark

The common hackberry starts out as a smooth-barked sapling, but as it grows into a medium to large tree it develops bumpy "knobs" on its bark that turn rough and scaly. These knobs are sizable and grow randomly throughout the trunk. This distinctive knobby bark makes the common hackberry easy to ID. The tree grows in woodlands alongside oaks and hickories, and a few dot the grounds at Herrick Lake in Wheaton near the main parking lot. •

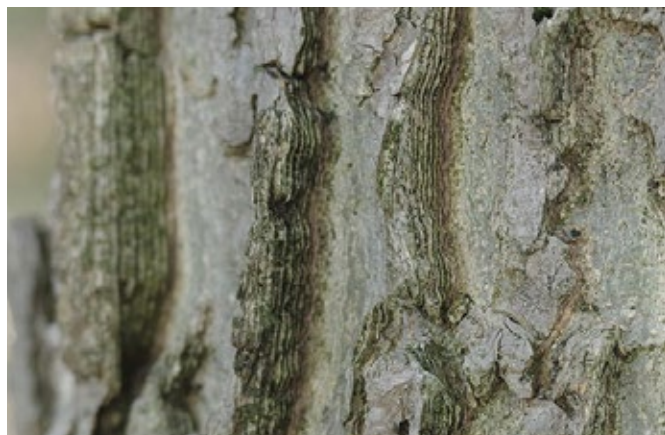


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▲ The noticeable fungus that causes "smooth patch" on white oaks is harmless to the trees.



▲ The deep furrows on a northern red oak run along the entire trunk and can resemble runs along a ski slope.



▲ A mature common hackberry develops sizable, distinctive "knobs" on its bark.



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▲ Its shredded bark makes the river birch easy to spot, even after the tree loses its leaves.

# fall calendar



## PLEASE NOTE

At press time the information in the fall calendar is correct, but as Restore Illinois guidelines change, so might the Forest Preserve District's lineup. For the latest, visit [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org).

### Corn Harvest 18435

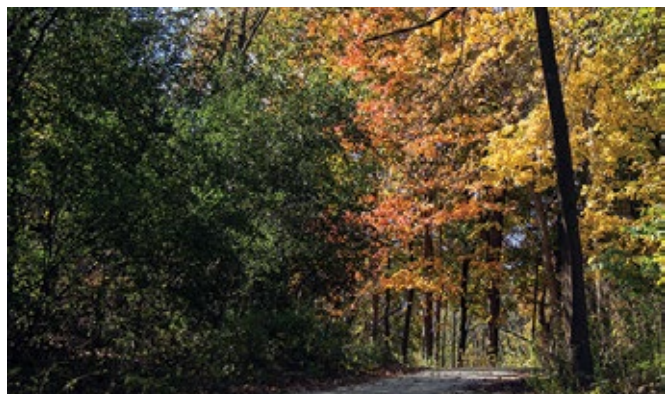
Experience life as a field hand as you help harvest this year's corn crop, which will feed the farm's livestock throughout the year and provide seed for next year's plantings. Learn about the importance of this crop to farmers in the 1890s and today as you learn how to properly shuck corn. You must wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Ages 2 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-876-5900.

Through Nov. 22 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Kline Creek Farm  
Saturdays & Sundays 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

### Forest Hike 18382

Enjoy the wonders of the forest preserve with a naturalist, and get some healthy exercise on a brisk 90-minute walk. You must wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Ages 18 and up. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

Nov. 9	8 – 9:30 a.m.	Blackwell
Nov. 16	8 – 9:30 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Nov. 23	8 – 9:30 a.m.	Greene Valley
Nov. 30	8 – 9:30 a.m.	Waterfall Glen



### Fresh Air Friday 18346

Breathe deep on a guided walk through the forest preserve. You must wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Ages 18 and up. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-580-7025.

Dec. 4 Noon – 1 p.m. St. James Farm

### The Progressive Farm: A Barnyard Tour

Explore the connections between farming at the end of the 19th century and today on a 30-minute tour with a costumed heritage interpreter, looking closely at the farm's buildings, implements, and animals. You must wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Limit 10 people per tour. All ages; under 18 with an adult. Free. No registration. Questions? Call 630-876-5900.

Through Nov. 23 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., Kline Creek Farm  
Mondays, Thursdays & 3:30 p.m.  
& Fridays



### Thanksgiving Gratitude Walk 18661

Celebrate Thanksgiving on a gentle 1-mile stroll that includes five guided gratitude meditation pauses with time for personal reflection. Between meditations, learn about nature in the surrounding preserve. You must wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Nov. 15	9 – 10:30 a.m.	Danada
Nov. 16	2 – 3:30 p.m.	Mayslake
Nov. 20	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Mayslake
Nov. 21	9 – 10:30 a.m.	McDowell Grove
Nov. 21	2 – 3:30 p.m.	Wood Dale Grove





## Registering on [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org)?

Here's a quick way to find your program online.

1. Visit [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org) and click "Registration & Permits."
2. In the search box, enter the five-digit number next to the program name in this calendar.
3. If a program has more than one date, time or location, click "More" to find the one you want.



## More Ways to Play

### SNOW TUBING & SNOWSHOE RENTALS

*Blackwell*

When there's plenty of snow on Mount Hoy (usually more than 3 inches) take a thrilling 800-foot ride down the hill. Only Forest Preserve District inner tubes are allowed. Rentals are \$10 per tube per day and end at 3:30 p.m.

You can also rent snowshoes at the base of the hill to explore the wintry forest preserves trails. Rentals are \$10 for two hours or \$15 per day and end at 2 p.m.

You must wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth when interacting with Forest Preserve District employees or other visitors and must pay with exact change or a credit card. Questions? Call 630-933-7248.

**Weekends Dec. 5 – Feb. 28**

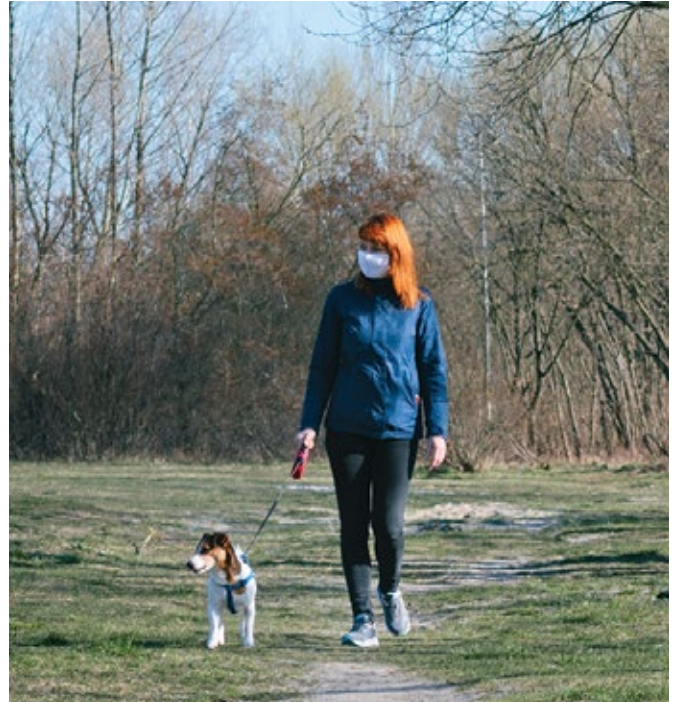
**Plus Dec. 21 – 24**

**Dec. 28 – Jan. 1**

**Jan. 15 & 18**

**Feb. 15 & 26**

**10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**



## Visiting the Preserves During COVID-19

As the state remains in phase 4 of Restore Illinois, the Forest Preserve District reminds visitors to follow a few simple guidelines when at the preserves.

- Stay home if you're sick or have been near someone who's sick.
- Practice social distancing, and stay at least 6 feet away from the next person.
- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose, especially if you're unable to remain more than 6 feet away from the next person.
- Bring your own water.
- Help keep the forest preserves clean. Place garbage in a trash or recycling container.
- Benches and picnic tables are not sanitized. Please bring your own sanitizing wipes or table coverings.
- Stay on the right side of the trail so others can pass. Let other visitors know when you're passing from behind, and stay at least 6 feet away as you do.
- Keep dogs leashed at all times.

# directory



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## PLEASE NOTE

At press time, forest preserves and golf courses are open, but as Restore Illinois guidelines change, so might the Forest Preserve District's lineup. For the most recent information, including which select features are accessible at each center, visit [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org).

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## HOURS

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

## ACCESSIBILITY

If you have accessibility needs or concerns, please call the District's ADA coordinator at 630-933-7683 or TTY 800-526-0857 at least 48 hours before your visit.

## EDUCATION *Centers*

**DANADA EQUESTRIAN CENTER**  
35507 Naperville Road  
Wheaton • 630-668-6012

**FULLERSBURG WOODS NATURE  
EDUCATION CENTER**  
3609 Spring Road  
Oak Brook • 630-850-8110

**KLINE CREEK FARM**  
1N600 County Farm Road  
West Chicago • 630-876-5900

**MAYSLAKE PEABODY ESTATE**  
1717 W. 31st St.  
Oak Brook • 630-206-9566

**WILLOWBROOK WILDLIFE CENTER**  
525 S. Park Blvd.  
Glen Ellyn • 630-942-6200

**ST. JAMES FARM**  
25541 Winfield Road • Warrenville  
630-580-7025

## GOLF *Courses*

**THE PRESERVE AT OAK MEADOWS**  
900 N. Wood Dale Road  
Addison • 630-595-0071

**MAPLE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE**  
272 S. Addison Road  
Wood Dale • 630-616-8424

**GREEN MEADOWS GOLF COURSE**  
18W201 W. 63rd St.  
Westmont • 630-810-5330

## PARTNER *Sites*

**DANADA HOUSE**  
Wheaton • 630-668-5392

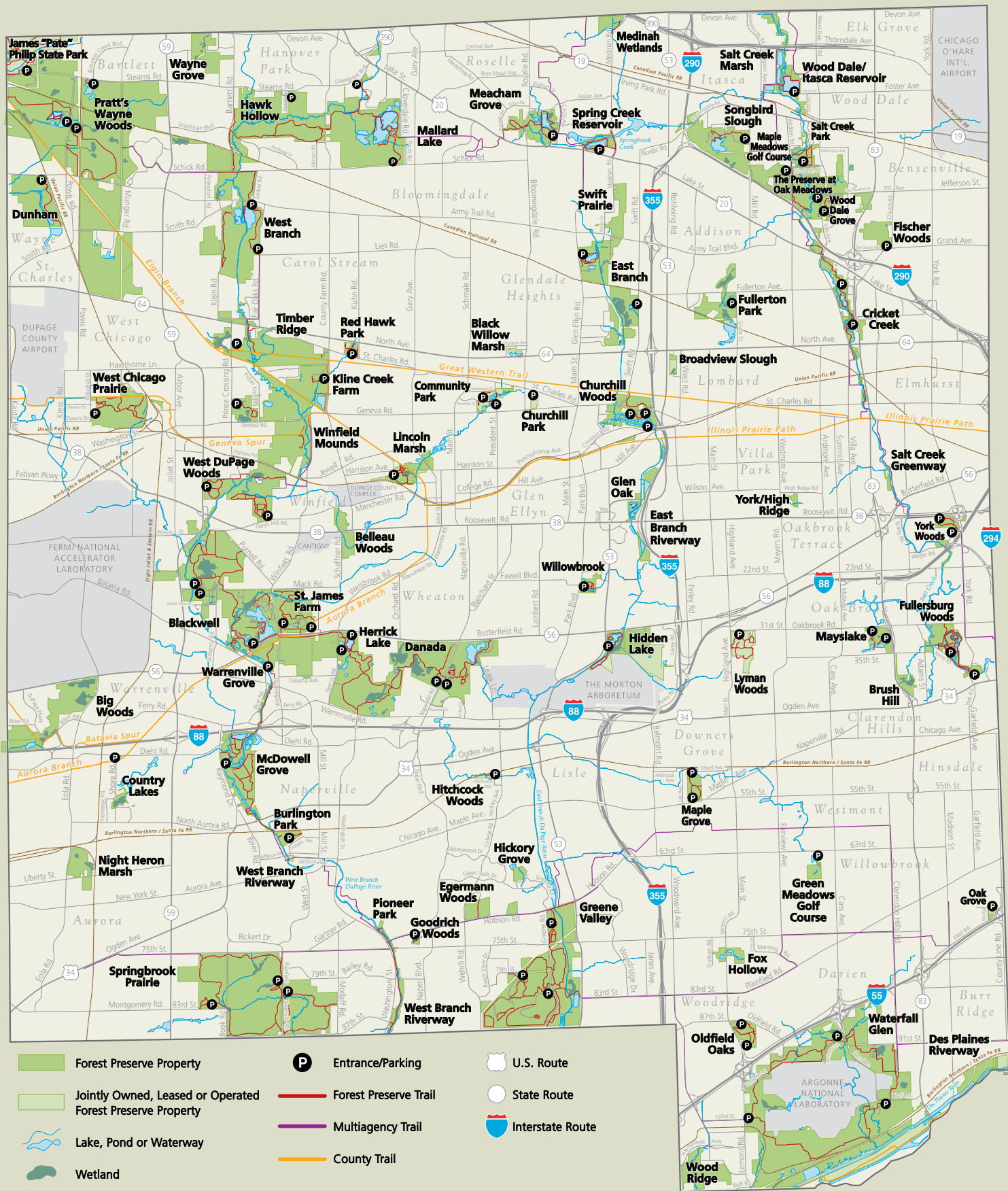
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Oak Brook • 630-655-2090

**BARTLETT NATURE CENTER**  
Bartlett • 847-608-3120

**LYMAN WOODS NATURE CENTER**  
Downers Grove • 630-963-9388





- Forest Preserve Property
- Jointly Owned, Leased or Operated Forest Preserve Property
- Lake, Pond or Waterway
- Wetland
- P Entrance/Parking
- U.S. Route
- State Route
- Interstate Route
- Forest Preserve Trail
- Multiagency Trail
- County Trail



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Wheaton, IL 60189

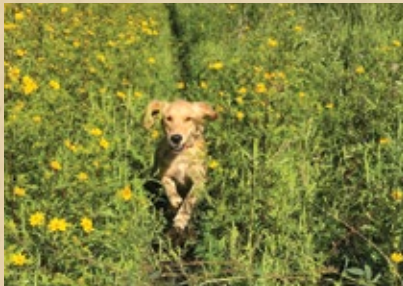
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## It's Annual Permit Time

**Mark your calendar and get ready for 2021!**

### Starting Tuesday, Dec. 1

Buy 2021 annual permits for archery, off-leash dog areas, private watercraft, stand-up paddleboarding and model crafts online 24/7 at [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org).

### Did you buy a permit last year?

We'll send you a reminder via email.

### Ready to purchase yours?

Our Visitor Services office is open weekdays, but due to COVID-19 we recommend you purchase your permits for 2021 online. Here's how!

- Visit [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org) on or after Dec. 1.
- Click "Registration & Permits."
- Click "Purchase Permits."
- Follow the directions, and make your secure online purchase.
- We'll send your permit in the mail.

### Need assistance?

Call Visitor Services at 630-933-7248 Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.