



# the Conservationist

A Quarterly Publication of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County **Summer 2019**

## Underwater Origin Stories

The Early Lives of Aquatic Insects

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## Gentleman Farmer

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Destination: Discovery



Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

# from the president



With the growing season comes rejuvenation, hope and, well, rain. This year saw the second-wettest spring on record, but the Forest Preserve District played a big role in keeping much of the water out of local streets and residential basements.

The Forest Preserve District holds nearly 26,000 acres in trust for the residents of DuPage — nearly an eighth of all the land in the county — and a significant amount of that land protects floodplains along both branches of the DuPage River, Salt Creek and a network of tributaries.

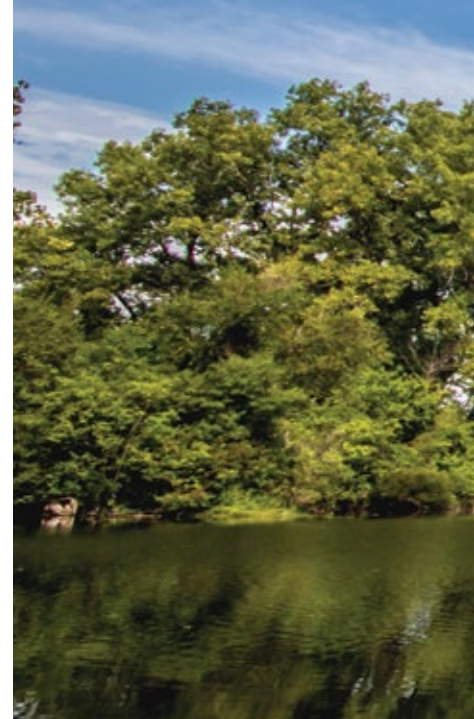
When heavy rains force water over a river's banks, the surrounding low-lying floodplain is there to store it. The native grasses, flowers and other plants that grow in a floodplain act like giant sponges, soaking up water by the tens of thousands of gallons. The plants and soils also filter oils, fertilizers and other chemicals from runoff before the water seeps into underground reservoirs.

But that's not all. The trees that grow in a floodplain provide cleaner air by absorbing large amounts of carbon dioxide. They keep things cooler, too, by pulling water through their roots and then releasing it through their leaves in a process called "evapotranspiration." For wildlife, the native plants in a healthy floodplain provide irreplaceable sources of food, shelter and nesting sites.

As part of its mission to protect natural areas, the Forest Preserve District has worked to create floodplains that can provide the most benefits. To name a few, it's done so along Spring Brook at Springbrook Prairie, Salt Creek at The Preserve at Oak Meadows, and the West Branch DuPage River at West Branch. This year, it's working along Spring Brook at Blackwell. With scenic trails (and fairways!) to take you along all of these locations, I hope you'll visit again and again over the years to enjoy all they have to offer. I know I will!

**Daniel Hebreard**

President, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County



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## OUR *Mission*

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



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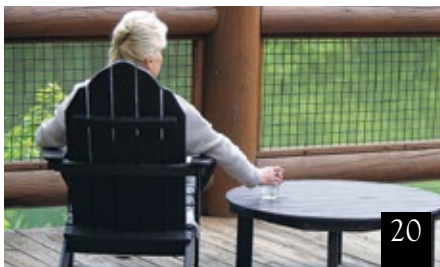
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# news & notes

## SOLAR POWER COMING TO THE PRESERVE

The Forest Preserve District's Board of Commissioners has approved the installation of solar panels on the golf cart storage building at The Preserve at Oak Meadows.

The system is expected to cost about \$167,000 and to provide 102% of the storage building's power. The excess kilowatts would make it eligible for ComEd's net metering program. Savings from the program would be in addition to renewable-energy certificates and ComEd's distributed generation rebate. Plans also call for The Preserve to use solar energy to power its fleet of 75 carts.



## DON'T MISS AN ISSUE: RE-SUBSCRIBE!

The *Conservationist* subscription list has grown over the years, but we know many homes that receive it no longer need printed copies. Therefore, to keep costs down for all DuPage taxpayers, we're asking our readers to re-subscribe.

If you still want the *Conservationist* via U.S. mail, leave a voicemail with your name and address (even if we already have them) at 630-933-7085 or email [signmeup@dupageforest.org](mailto:signmeup@dupageforest.org). If we don't hear from you by the end of 2019, the winter issue will be the last you receive.

We'll remind you again in fall, and you can always read the *Conservationist* 24/7 at [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org), but we hope you'll re-subscribe soon!

## LIVE and on Demand

Can't make it to a board meeting? Find schedules and agendas and watch it live or on demand at [dupageforest.org](http://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 District business, hears public comments and staff reports, and votes on agenda items.

## SUMMER SATURDAY HOURS

This summer, get forest preserve info and help with permits, program registrations and reservations from Visitor Services Saturdays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. This seasonal schedule runs through Aug. 24 (except July 6) and is in addition to the regular Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. hours.

The office is inside Forest Preserve District headquarters at 3S580 Naperville Road in Wheaton. Stop by or call 630-933-7248. You can also use the information kiosk inside the building's foyer daily 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. and get info 24/7 at [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org).

## COLLECTIONS Corner

In the 1950s and 60s, Hollywood occasionally descended on Danada Farms for parties hosted by owners Daniel and Ada Rice. The photo below shows (clockwise starting from the second from the left) Ada Rice with actor Don Ameche, performer Liberace and Daniel Rice at one such soiree.

As part of its efforts to extend its mission to connect DuPage residents with the county's cultural history, the Forest Preserve District has donated the photo and related artifacts to the nonprofit Friends of Danada, which operates the Danada House on behalf of the District and can use exhibit space there to share the items with visitors.

To read how the District works with its community partners to tell the stories of the preserves, follow the Nature's Storytellers blog at [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org), and check out future "Collections Corner" features here in News & Notes.





## DISTRICT JOINS NATIONAL LAKE-LEVEL STUDY

To better understand how and why lake levels change over time, the Forest Preserve District is joining the University of North Carolina and other agencies in a research project funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The Forest Preserve District has installed water-level gauges at Silver Lake at Blackwell, Herrick Lake at Herrick Lake, Deep Quarry Lake at West Branch and Harrier Lake at Pratt's Wayne Woods. Each is marked with a sign that explains how casual visitors (aka "citizen scientists") as well as Forest Preserve District employees can text in the current water level. With help from as many people as possible, researchers can gather more daily data than they could on their own.

Every 16 days, a satellite will take images of the lakes so scientists can compare reports from the gauges with the surface area of each lake. They hope these regional studies will help them better understand how precipitation, evaporation and other global factors affect the surface area of local waters.



## MANY Thanks

The Forest Preserve District thanks the donors who contributed to its efforts between Feb. 4 and May 12. To learn how contributions of financial support can benefit the District, visit [dupageforest.org/friends](http://dupageforest.org/friends). To give to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit fundraising arm of the District, visit [dupageforest.org/donate](http://dupageforest.org/donate).

### Gifts of Note

Gary Dobson and Cynthia Rein  
\$2,500 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center  
Myron Rosenthal  
\$1,000 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center  
Patrick and Mary Ellen Mauro  
\$900 — Mayslake Peabody Estate  
College of DuPage — 90.9FM WDCB  
Public Radio  
\$870 — Mayslake Peabody Estate  
Charles Robertson  
\$700 — Mayslake Peabody Estate  
Barbara Rosenstock  
\$500 — Areas of greatest need  
Chester and Jeanette Wilczak  
\$500 — Mayslake Peabody Estate

### Gifts of Note to the Friends of the Forest Preserve District

Jack and Janice Yong  
\$10,000 — Danada Equestrian Center  
for cross-draft horses  
Cathy Perkowitz  
\$5,000 — Herrick Lake in memory of  
William and Matthew Perkowitz  
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\$4,932 — Mayslake Peabody Estate  
Pamela Conrad  
\$3,000 — Fullersburg Woods in memory  
of Chris Conrad

Domtar Paper Company  
\$3,000 — Natural Resources and ADA-  
accessible piers project  
DuPage Birding Club  
\$2,500 — Springbrook Prairie  
restoration project  
Kenneth McAfee  
\$1,500 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center  
Frank and Joyce Bauer  
\$1,000 — Pratt's Wayne Woods  
David K. Ginther  
\$1,000 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center  
Mary Ann Mahoney  
\$1,000 — Areas of greatest need  
John and Gloria Page  
\$1,000 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center  
Donald and Susan Panozzo  
\$1,000 — Belleau Woods restoration  
project, Adopt a Blanding's Turtle,  
Danada Equestrian Center, St. James  
Farm and Willowbrook Wildlife Center  
John and Diane Fiore  
\$500 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center  
Motorola Solutions Foundation  
\$500 — Willowbrook Wildlife Center  
matching gift for Daniel Grobe Sachs  
David and Norma Thompson  
\$500 — Adopt a Blanding's Turtle



➤ A damselfly larva rests under the water. Certain types spend two to three years underwater before emerging and transforming into winged adults.

# Underwater Origin Stories

by **ANDRES ORTEGA**, NATURAL RESOURCES

**W**hen we think of insects, we usually picture small six-legged creatures that spend their entire lives on plants, in the air or underground. Butterflies, ants, bees and cicadas come to mind. But there are some familiar faces that spend most of their lives where you'd never think to look: underwater. These fascinating creatures make up the realm of aquatic insects.

In general, insects are divided into three broad groups. Terrestrial insects spend their lives entirely on land. Most butterflies belong to this group. They start as eggs attached to plants, where they develop into hungry larvae (aka

caterpillars). They continue their terrestrial lives as pupae in their protective cocoons, eventually emerging as winged adults.

Semiaquatic insects are associated with water but usually just the surface. For instance, water striders spend much of their adult lives on the thin membrane of tightly knit water molecules that covers lakes and rivers but do not spend any significant time underneath.

Aquatic insects, on the other hand, spend a major part of their lives fully submerged. Common insects you likely thought were purely terrestrial are actually aquatic, such as dragonflies, damselflies, mosquitoes, mayflies and stoneflies.

Common name aside, a dragonfly spends most of its life crawling underwater instead of flying in the air. As a young "nymph" it has special mouthparts for catching and eating prey, even small fish. When fully developed, the nymph leaves the water and sheds its skin, revealing the mature adult inside. It then flies nearby to wait for its wings to dry.



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▲ Adult ebony jewelwing damselfly

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- ▲ Some stonefly larvae spend up to four years in fast-moving rivers, where they live under rocks. These aquatic insects don't live in polluted water, so ecologists know a river's healthy if they find stonefly larvae in it. As adults, stoneflies live only a few weeks.



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Dragonflies, for instance, lay their eggs directly in the water. In about a week the eggs hatch into fully aquatic larvae called “nymphs” or “naiads,” which have internal gills that help them breathe. Depending on the species, dragonfly nymphs can spend weeks growing underwater — sometimes years.

When the nymphs near the end of their development, they crawl out of the water and shed their skins. (In summer, look for these empty dried skins on rocks and plants along the shore.) The winged adults that emerge live a few short weeks and are purely terrestrial, flying near the surface of the water only to find mates and tasty insects.

Scientists have identified a tremendous number of aquatic insects and have developed different methods to keep them organized. One looks at habitat, primarily whether the insects exist in flowing or still waters. Another looks at how they move underwater, whether they swim, climb, dive, etc.

One of the most important methods looks at how aquatic insects eat, especially as nymphs. This classification, called “functional groups,” is frequently used because it helps describe where the insects fall on the food chain.

“Collectors” are essentially filter feeders that pull super-fine organic particles from the water. Mosquito larvae are collectors that use hairy, comblike mouthparts to “sweep” in their food.

“Scrapers” feed exactly as their name describes, by scraping algae, bacteria and other microorganisms off submerged surfaces. Many mayfly larvae do so with mouthparts that resemble stiff brushes.

“Shredders” shred or chew living and decaying plants, usually large particles. Stonefly larvae have strong jaws that can chew through leaves and other parts of a plant.

At the top of the aquatic insect food chain are the “predators,” which primarily eat other larvae. The most well-suited of this group tend to be the dragonflies. A dragonfly nymph has an adaptation that looks like a hinged pincher-tipped jaw, which it keeps folded under its head. It can extend this “jaw,” hook its prey (sometimes a tadpole or small fish) and snap its meal back to its mouth all in a split second.

So this summer, when you're enjoying your favorite DuPage forest preserve lake, pond, river or stream and think about the fish, turtles and other animals below, make sure to give a nod to the underwater world of aquatic insects, too! •



- ▲ Mosquito larvae are “collectors” that eat fine particles of organic matter floating in the water. As a result, these aquatic insects help keep natural waters clean.

# summer calendar

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## July

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- 2** Kayaking: Active Adults
- 6** Music at Mayslake: Sinfonietta Bel Canto Series  
Great American Dance Book 1  
A Walk in the Woods
- 8** Art at Mayslake: Easy Botanical Drawing Begins
- 9** Music at Mayslake: Sinfonietta Bel Canto Series  
Chamber Music Festival  
Picnic Chat
- 10** Volunteer Workday at the Nursery  
Yoga on the Lawn Begins
- 11** Art at Mayslake: Nature Collage and Design Begins  
Fishing: Families
- 13** Forest Therapy: Shinrin Yoku  
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 14** Women's Outdoor Adventure Series: Archery
- 15** Art at Mayslake: Collage and the Spirit Animal Begins
- 16** Archery: Active Adults  
Music at Mayslake: Sinfonietta Bel Canto Series  
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- 18** Fishing: Families
- 19** Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 20** Discover Mayslake  
Mayslake Hall Gardens and Grounds Tour  
Volunteer Restoration Workday
- 21** Women's Outdoor Adventure Series: Twilight Hike
- 23** Archery: Families  
Music at Mayslake: Sinfonietta Bel Canto Series  
Great American Dance Book 2
- 25** Kayaking: Basics
- 27** Volunteer Workday at the Nursery
- 29** Women's Outdoor Adventure Series: Kayaking
- 30** Music at Mayslake: Sinfonietta Bel Canto Series POPera
- 31** Volunteer Workday at the Nursery





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## August

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## Plants & Wildlife

### Bird Walk 15666

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.

Sept. 4	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	St. James Farm
Sept. 13	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Sept. 18	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Greene Valley
Sept. 27	7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Blackwell

## Ways to Play

### Archery

#### Active Adults 16001

Learn basic techniques and safety essentials of this classic sport. Equipment provided. Ages 50 and up. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 16	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Churchill Woods
Aug. 6	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Wood Dale Grove
Sept. 5	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Blackwell

#### Families 15983

Learn basic techniques and safety essentials. Equipment provided. Ages 8 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

July 23	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Blackwell
Aug. 27	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Churchill Woods
Sept. 17	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Churchill Woods

#### 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. 3	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Blackwell
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### Discover Mayslake

Take a self-guided tour of the mansion, snap a selfie at our “shelfie station” as you explore the library, enjoy live music and theater, dabble in art, try archery or kayaking, walk the preserve, and discover more of the great experiences Mayslake has to offer year-round. All ages. Free admission; fees for some activities. No registration. Questions? Call 630-206-9566.

July 20	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Mayslake
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### End of Summer S’more-gasbord 15675

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. 21	7 – 9 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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### Fishing

#### Active Adults 16018

Learn fish ecology and identification as well as techniques and regulations. Ages 50 and up. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

Aug. 20	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Blackwell
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#### Families 15991

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

July 11	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Blackwell
July 18	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Hidden Lake
Aug. 1	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Blackwell
Aug. 22	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Wood Dale Grove
Sept. 26	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Blackwell

#### Fly Fishing 16103

Spend an afternoon with the DuPage Rivers Fly Tyers inside learning how to tie flies and outside learning to cast. Equipment provided. Ages 18 and up. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 15	1 – 5 p.m.	Mayslake
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### Horse Ownership Five-Part Lecture Series 15817

Whether you're a prospective owner or just an enthusiast, get an in-depth look at behavior, health, feed, conformation, and leasing versus owning. Each session includes a 60-minute lecture followed by 60 minutes of practical, hands-on applications in the barn. Saturdays. Ages 12 and up. \$50 per person. Register online or at 630-668-6012.

Sept. 7 – Oct. 5      9 – 11 a.m.      Danada

### Kayaking

Learn paddling strokes and safety tips in a one-person kayak. Equipment provided. \$20 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

#### Active Adults 16016

Ages 50 and up.

July 2      1 – 3 p.m.      Herrick Lake

#### Basics 16013

Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult.

July 25      6 – 7:30 p.m.      Fullersburg Woods  
Aug. 8      9 – 11 a.m.      Herrick Lake



## Fore!

*The Preserve at Oak Meadows*

*Maple Meadows • Green Meadows*

A round at a DuPage forest preserve course is a great way to enjoy the outdoors! We have outings and leagues for all abilities. For tee times and specials visit [DuPageGolf.com](https://DuPageGolf.com).



## More Ways to Play

### GROUP ADVENTURES BY REQUEST

Attention families, friends, Scouts, 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 630-933-7247.

### KAYAK, CANOE AND BOAT RENTALS

Rentals are \$12 per hour for single kayaks or rowboats, \$15 for two-person kayaks or canoes, and \$20 for boats with trolling motors (Blackwell only) and end one hour before closing. Questions? Call 630-933-7248.

*Blackwell*

#### Through Labor Day

**Monday – Friday 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Open 8 a.m. July 4 & Labor Day**

**Sept. 7 – Sept. 29**

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

*Herrick Lake*

#### Through Labor Day

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

### SCENIC OVERLOOK

*Greene Valley*

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. 27**

**Saturdays & Sundays 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

Weather or Illinois Environmental Protection Agency work may affect hours without notice.

### FAMILY CAMPGROUND

*Blackwell*

Due to habitat restoration work along Spring Brook Creek, the campground is closed for 2019. Please visit [dupageforest.org](https://dupageforest.org) or call Visitor Services at 630-933-7248 in October for availability in 2020.

# summer calendar



## Twilight Hike 16008

Experience the transition from daylight to twilight, and learn how to use your senses like a nocturnal predator. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

Aug. 15	6 – 8 p.m.	Greene Valley
Aug. 29	6 – 8 p.m.	Blackwell
Sept. 14	5 – 7 p.m.	Greene Valley

## Women's Outdoor Adventure Series

Enjoy great camaraderie and outdoor experiences! Ages 18 and up. Equipment provided. Register online or at 630-933-7248.

### Archery 15998

Learn basic techniques and safety essentials of this classic sport. \$5 per person.

July 14	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Blackwell
Aug. 4	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Churchill Woods

### Fishing 16005

Learn fish ecology and identification as well as techniques and regulations. \$5 per person.

Aug. 13	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Blackwell
Sept. 10	5 – 6:30 p.m.	Hidden Lake

### Kayaking 16017

Learn paddling strokes and safety tips in a one-person kayak. \$20 per person.

July 29	6 – 7:30 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
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### Twilight Hike 16019

Experience the transition from daylight to twilight, and learn how to use your senses like a nocturnal predator. \$5 per person.

July 21	6 – 8 p.m.	Waterfall Glen
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**When the thought of one more trampoline park/arcade/bowling alley birthday party sends you running.**

## Have It at Herrick!

### BOATING, PICNIC, FISHING AND ARCHERY PARTIES FOR KIDS (AND ANY GROUP!)

Weekdays (Tuesday After Memorial Day – Friday Before Labor Day)

Two-, four- and eight-hour packages starting at \$250 for DuPage residents and \$300 for nonresidents

Exclusive use of the east picnic shelter and the entire fleet (12 kayaks, 12 canoes, six row boats)

Use of fishing poles and tackle

Help from our friendly staff

Ranger-led archery program with eight-hour package and an add-on with four hours

**Plan your party with Visitor Services at 630-933-7248.**



## Riding Lessons 15830

*Danada Equestrian Center*

Learn horsemanship and riding skills in a friendly group setting, or receive one-on-one instruction and progress at your own pace with individual lessons. We have lessons for new to advanced riders ages 12 and up in July, August and September. Register online or at 630-668-6012.





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# Health & Well-Being

## Dusk Gratitude Walk 15760

Contemplate how our lives change seasonally on a leisurely guided walk as the sun sets over the forest preserve. Bring pen and paper to jot down your thoughts along the way, if the mood strikes you. Ages 18 and up. \$3 per person in advance; \$5 at the walk. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 5	7 – 8:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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## Forest Hike 15676

Gear up to enjoy some healthy exercise with one of our naturalists as you walk 3 – 5 miles while exploring the wonders of the preserves. Ages 18 and up. \$3 per person in advance; \$5 at the walk. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

Sept. 11	6:30 – 8 p.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Sept. 16	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Sept. 25	6:30 – 8 p.m.	York Woods
Sept. 30	8:30 – 10 a.m.	Hidden Lake

## Forest Therapy: Shinrin Yoku 15663

Deepen your relationship with nature, and open your senses to the health benefits of forest therapy. Ages 18 and up. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-850-8110.

July 13	9 – 10 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods
Sept. 22	9 – 10 a.m.	Fullersburg Woods

## Fresh Air Friday 15818

Breathe deep on a guided walk through the preserve. Ages 18 and up. Free. Register online or at 630-580-7025.

Aug. 2	11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	St. James Farm
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## Mindful Walking 16092

Experience the healing benefits of nature, and gain tips on mindfulness on a slow-paced, relaxing 1-mile (or shorter) guided walk. Trails can accommodate people with walkers and canes. Ages 18 and up. Free. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 10	1 – 3:30 p.m.	York Woods
Sept. 24	1 – 3:30 p.m.	St. James Farm

## Nature Poetry Walk 15825

Enjoy a walk and nature-inspired poetry. Ages 12 and up. \$5 per person. Register online or at 630-580-7025.

Sept. 7	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	St. James Farm
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## Picnic Chat 15758

Bring a sack lunch (we'll provide the lemonade and cookies), and join us for a picnic and some informal reminiscing about nature and outdoor experiences. Share an outdoor memory, or listen as others share theirs. Cane- and walker-friendly. Ages 18 and up. \$3 per person in advance; \$5 at the event. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

July 9	Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Mayslake
Sept. 17	Noon – 1:30 p.m.	St. James Farm

## A Walk in the Woods 15824

Experience and explore the McCormick Woods Trail on a guided hike. All ages; under 13 with an adult. Free. Register online or at 630-580-7025.

July 6	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	St. James Farm
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## Wellness Stretching for Gardening 15757

Explore ways to keep your muscles and joints flexible as you work in your garden. Be ready to stretch and move at this active beginner's program, and learn easy ways to keep your whole body (and mind) fit. Ages 18 and up. \$3 per person in advance; \$5 at the event. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Aug. 7	9 – 10 a.m.	Mayslake
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## Yoga on the Lawn 15761

Start your day in nature with an outdoor yoga class designed for beginners and led by experienced yoga practitioners. Wednesdays. Ages 18 and up. \$40 per person in advance per four-part session; \$14 per class for drop-ins. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

July 10 – 31	7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Mayslake
Aug. 7 – 28	7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Mayslake

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## 1890s Living

*Kline Creek Farm*

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

### 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. 26**

**Mondays 10 – 11 a.m.**

### FARM CHORES FOR KIDS

Kids, learn firsthand how 1890s children helped on the house and farm, on Mondays with Mom's chores and Thursdays with Dad's.

**Through Aug. 29 (except July 4)**

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

### FARMHOUSE MUSEUM TOUR

Explore the lifestyle of a successful farm family as you tour the farmhouse museum. Learn how the home was a place for work as well as relaxation and how it served as the building block of the rural community.

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

### FARM POWER!

Find out what makes Kline Creek Farm go from horses and hand pumps to windmills, people power and pulleys! Activities change weekly, so follow facebook.com/klinecreekfarm for updates.

**July 7 – Aug. 31**

**Saturdays & Sundays 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

## Living Green

### Farm to Table: Fall Harvest 15694

Make butter, apple cider and corn meal as you learn the history of these foods during a 90-minute hands-on program held in partnership with the Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois. Sessions start at 1, 1:15, 1:30 and 1:45 p.m. Ages 18 and up. \$15 per person. Register online or at 630-876-5900.

Sept. 14

1 – 3:15 p.m.

Kline Creek Farm

## Heritage

### Gentleman's Farm Tour 15772

Learn about the role gentleman farms played in DuPage and how several became part of the Forest Preserve District as you explore St. James Farm, Danada Forest Preserve and Mayslake Peabody Estate. All ages; under 18 with an adult. \$15 per car. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 28

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Multiple



## Restoration-in-Progress Tours

*Mayslake Peabody Estate*

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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### Mayslake Hall Gardens and Grounds Tour 15766

Learn about the historic uses of Mayslake's land, explore the gardens and discover the carved treasures on the mansion's facade. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

July 20	6 – 7 p.m.	Mayslake
Aug. 3	6 – 7 p.m.	Mayslake
Aug. 10	6 – 7 p.m.	Mayslake
Aug. 17	6 – 7 p.m.	Mayslake

### Mayslake Hall Unseen Spaces Tour 15771

Take a guided, behind-the-scenes tour (including stairs) of the hall's basement, attic and collection storage space. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$15 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566

Sept. 17	7 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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### Tractor-Drawn Rides

Enjoy these 30-minute rides through the scenic forest preserves. All ages; under 13 with an adult. \$5 per person ages 5 and up; under 5 free. No registration.

#### COVERED WAGON RIDES

*St. James Farm*

Questions? Call 630-580-7025.

**July 1 – Aug. 30 (except Aug. 7)**  
**Sundays, Wednesday & Fridays**  
**Noon, 12:45 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.**

#### HAYRIDES

*Danada Equestrian Center*

For questions or private group rides, call 630-668-6012.

**Sept. 21, 22, 28 & 29**  
**1, 1:45 & 2:30 p.m.**

## Nature Art & Performances

### Art at Mayslake

#### Collage and the Spirit Animal Seven-Part Class 15751

Explore the diverse spirit of the animals in our world while learning collage and mixed-media techniques. Mondays. Ages 18 and up. \$175 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

July 15 – Aug. 26	9:30 – Noon	Mayslake
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#### Collage Totems Eight-Part Class 15754

Explore your personal stories, and use sketching, collage techniques, visual design and imagery to create totems that represent them. Mondays. Ages 18 and up. \$185 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 9 – Oct. 28	9:30 – Noon	Mayslake
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#### Easy Botanical Drawing Four-Part Class 15749

Learn the basics as you draw plants from the fields, forest and gardens of Mayslake. Mondays. Ages 18 and up. \$100 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

July 8 – 29	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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#### Exploring Watercolor Six-Part Class 15752

Improve your skills at this intermediate-advanced, open-studio-style class. Work on independent and group projects with guidance from the instructor, and get feedback in group critique sessions. Tuesdays. Ages 18 and up. \$125 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Aug. 6 – Sept. 10	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Mayslake
Sept. 17 – Oct. 29	10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Mayslake
(except Oct. 8)		

#### Intro to Watercolor Landscapes Six-Part Class 15753

Learn basic techniques and try sketching and plein-air exercises to create beautiful paintings that focus on the surrounding natural landscape. Tuesdays. Ages 18 and up. \$125 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Aug. 6 – Sept. 10	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Mayslake
Sept. 17 – Oct. 29	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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## Theater and More at Mayslake

*Mayslake Peabody Estate*

### FIRST FOLIO THEATRE'S *HENRY V*

To save his country and prove himself worthy of the crown, the brash Henry V invades France, only to find himself facing an army 10 times the size of his own at the Battle of Agincourt. Watch this band of brothers fight the greatest of all English battles as you relax under the stars in the comfort of the beautiful grounds of Mayslake Peabody Estate. All ages; under 18 with an adult. \$10 – \$44 per person. Tickets at 630-986-8067 or [firstfolio.org](http://firstfolio.org).

**July 10 – Aug. 18**

**Wednesday – Sunday 8:15 p.m.**

### FIRST FOLIO THEATRE'S *THE GUYS*

It's less than two weeks after 9/11, and Joan, an editor, receives a call on behalf of Nick, a fire captain who lost most of his men and is looking for a writer to help him prepare the eulogies he must give. As the two make their way through the emotional landscape of grief, they draw on humor, tango, the appreciation of craft in all its forms, and the enduring bonds of common humanity. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$35 per person. Tickets at 630-986-8067 or [firstfolio.org](http://firstfolio.org).

**Sept. 9 – 11**

**Monday – Wednesday 8 p.m.**

### EXHIBITS

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

**Monday – Friday Noon – 3 p.m.**

**Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

### Exploring Watercolor Class

Enjoy work by Mayslake's Exploring Watercolor class. Plus, join a free two-hour reception on July 8 at 6 p.m.

**July 3 – Aug. 31**

### Mayslake Farms: A Gentleman's Dream

Through this interactive exhibit, discover the story of the people, animals and land that made up Mayslake Farms, Peabody's "gentleman" farm that was on the grounds from 1910 until 1922.

**Sept. 14 – Nov. 7**

### Nature Collage and Design Six-Part Class 15750

Using inspiration from designs in nature, learn collage techniques while working in a travel-size spiral sketchbook. Thursdays. Ages 18 and up. \$165 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

July 11 – Aug. 15

9:30 a.m. – Noon

Mayslake



### Nature Words and Collage Six-Part Class 15756

Using inspiration from famous authors who wandered the great outdoors, fill the pages of travel-size sketchbooks with new awareness. Thursdays. Ages 18 and up. \$165 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 26 – Nov. 7

9:30 a.m. – Noon

Mayslake

(except Oct. 10)

### Plein-Air Oil Painting Four-Part Class 15755

Learn practical logistics of painting outdoors on the beautiful grounds of Mayslake. Each session will focus on a different area (composition, value, etc.) Mondays. Ages 18 and up. \$100 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 11 – Oct. 2

9 a.m. – Noon

Mayslake

## Music at Mayslake

### Chicago Gay Men's Chorus

Delight at this cabaret performance featuring songs about family by the Partridge Family, the Jacksons, Hanson and more. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$25 – \$40 per person. Tickets at [cgmc.org](http://cgmc.org).

Sept. 13

8 – 9:30 p.m.

Mayslake





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### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Dr. Robert Stanger Young Artist Auditions with an assortment of music and musicians, including audition winners from the past. A reception will follow the concert. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$12 – \$25 per person for concert tickets; \$20 per person for the reception. Tickets at [elmhurstsymphony.org](http://elmhurstsymphony.org) or 630-941-0202.

Sept. 20	7 – 10 p.m.	Mayslake
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### Sinfonietta Bel Canto Series

Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$10 – \$20 per person. Tickets at [sinfoniettabelcanto.org](http://sinfoniettabelcanto.org) or 630-384-5007.

#### Chamber Music Festival

Instrumentalists perform a range of chamber music from serious works to light-hearted favorites.

July 9	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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### Great American Dance Book 1 & 2

Hear popular favorites sung by a live ensemble with a different lineup each night. There will be seating to watch the show and space for dancing, so strap on your dancing shoes!

July 16 & 23	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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### POPera

Enjoy a night of beautiful music combining the styles of pop and opera.

July 30	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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### Silly, Schmaltzy & Waltzy

"Opera light" is a delightful musical art form full of yesteryear's most famous songs that will bring you to tears, make you laugh and move you to waltz.

Aug. 6	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Mayslake
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### WDCB Jazz 15789

Enjoy great jazz music with a performance by the Ryan Cohan Trio, featuring Cohan on piano. All proceeds go to the restoration of Mayslake Hall. Ages 12 and up; under 18 with an adult. \$15 per person. Register online or at 630-206-9566.

Sept. 12	7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Mayslake
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## Volunteer

### Volunteer Restoration Workday 16072

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 13	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook
July 13	9 a.m. – Noon	St. James Farm
July 20	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill/Glacial
Aug. 10	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook
Aug. 10 & 24	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill/Glacial
Sept. 7	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill/Glacial
Sept. 14, 21 & 28	9 a.m. – Noon	Maple Grove
Sept. 14, 21, 28 & 29	9 a.m. – Noon	Springbrook
Sept. 15	9 a.m. – Noon	Churchill Woods
Sept. 21	9 a.m. – Noon	St. James Farm



### Volunteer Workday at the Nursery 16046

Lend a hand weeding, watering, or collecting and cleaning 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 1, 10, 19, 27 & 31	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell
Aug. 5, 16, 24 & 28	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell
Sept. 4, 14, 20, 25 & 30	8 – 11 a.m.	Blackwell



# Gentleman Farmer

by SHANNON BURNS, COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION

**M**ayslake Peabody Estate was built between 1919 and 1922 for millionaire coal baron Francis Stuyvesant Peabody. But Peabody wasn't just a businessman with a summer home in the country. He was one of DuPage County's "gentleman farmers."

A gentleman farmer was someone who owned a farm for pleasure rather than profit. At a time when rural farmers were being forced into cities to find work, the luxury of owning a farm as a hobby was a uniquely American phenomena.

Rural farmers prospered from increased grain production during World War I but suffered keenly when these surplus crops were no longer needed. Compounding the problem was the need to purchase modern equipment to keep up with improved farm technology, which led to increased farm debt at a time when crop prices were dropping.

These conditions created difficult times for farmers, but as the United States was defining itself as a manufacturing powerhouse, self-made industrialists were becoming millionaires. Many made their fortunes in the cities but spent part of their wealth in pursuit of the tranquility of farm life.

For these highly competitive men, the chance to show off land and new technologies and to out-boast their peers with award-winning livestock was irresistible. Week-long parties were popular, and to a gentleman farmer, the fun of hauling guests in hay wagons to tour the dairy barns, admire the sheep, and visit state-of-the-art poultry operations was part of the thrill. Peabody was no exception.

Peabody purchased land in DuPage County between 1910 and 1921, amassing nearly 900 acres containing five distinct farms. Peabody Farms, later named Mayslake Farms, covered most of the land between 31st Street and Ogden Avenue to the north and south and Route 83 and Midwest Road to the east and west.

The farms raised poultry, pigs, sheep, cows and horses, but in the true spirit of the gentleman farmer, Peabody didn't just raise livestock. He raised prize-winning livestock.

The farm's all-white breeds of poultry included Buff Orpington chickens, which won national awards. Its chicks and eggs were in high demand and sold for good prices. The farm also had Exmoor sheep, which Peabody introduced from England. One particular anecdote showing the lengths Peabody went to on behalf of his farm — and



▲ F. S. Peabody



## Farms Into Forest Preserves

Peabody wasn't the county's only gentleman farmer. Chauncy McCormick (and later, his son Brooks) of International Harvester fame established St. James Farm as a dairy farm and equestrian center. Businessman Daniel Rice and his wife, Ada, built Danada Farms, where they raised livestock, maintained an orchard, and trained racehorses. And trader Arthur Cutten founded Sunny Acres Farms at Hidden Lake.

Today these farms make up nearly 1,900 acres of DuPage forest preserves, providing valuable habitat for native wildlife and stormwater storage areas. You can explore and learn about some of these properties on the "Gentleman's Farm Tour" Sept. 28. Details are on Page 14.



▲ Like other gentlemen farmers in the early 1900s, F. S. Peabody raised livestock, as shown here along the shore of today's Mays' Lake.



▲ Peabody Farms was known for its all-white breeds of poultry, including national-award-winning Buff Orpington chickens.

his mind for prestige over profit — involves these sheep.

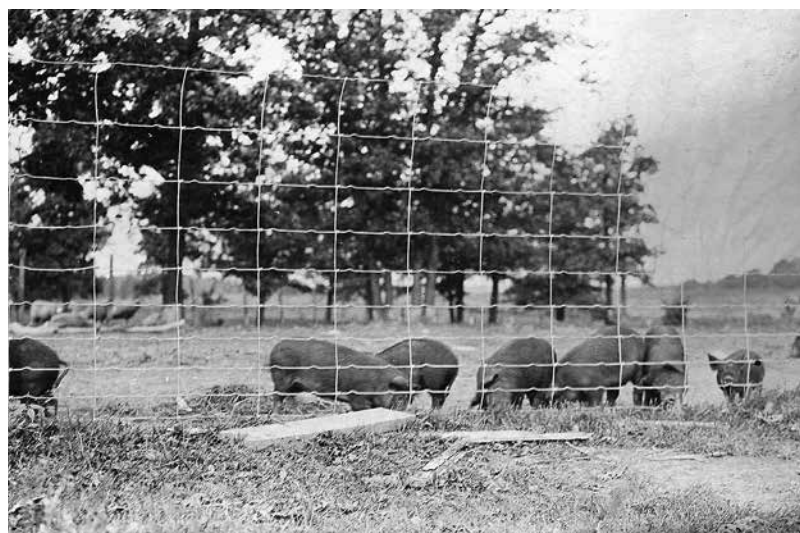
Due to a poor growing season and rising feed prices, the farm manager spoke to Peabody about culling the farm's flock. It was a low-risk proposition, he explained, since the remaining sheep would breed and bring the flock back to full strength by the following spring. Peabody said he would think about it.

Two days later, the farm manager received a telegram stating there was a delivery waiting for him at the railroad station in Hinsdale. Upon his arrival at the station, he discovered Peabody had simply purchased a railway car full of grain for the sheep.

The farms played a role in the community as well. One building on the property served as the first York Township schoolhouse, and a contract with Hinsdale ensured that when the town's garbage incinerator broke down the refuse would feed the farms' pigs.

Peabody died in 1922, and two years later the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor purchased his 900 acres. Over the years the order sold all but 87, which the Forest Preserve District purchased in 1993, creating Mayslake Forest Preserve.

Today, Peabody Farms may only exist as a part of DuPage history, but stories of Peabody the gentleman farmer and the role his land played in creating one of the county's most popular forest preserves live on. Visit Mayslake Peabody Estate starting Sept. 17 for the interactive exhibit *Mayslake Farms: A Gentleman's Dream* (see days and hours on Page 16) and discover them all! •



▲ When Hinsdale's garbage incinerator broke, Peabody Farms agreed to use the town's refuse to feed the farm's pigs.

# destination: discovery

## YOUR QUICK GUIDE

To what's going on at the Forest Preserve District's six special destinations!

### WILLOWBROOK *Readies for Moving Day*

It doesn't matter if you're a person or peregrine falcon: Moving will stress you out. That's why Willowbrook Wildlife Center is working this summer to make things as comfy as possible for its animal ambassadors while they wait for their new digs.

The center's special group of owls and other birds of prey that visit classrooms and greet visitors throughout the year are getting a new home boasting 12 dorm rooms and a weathering area for stimulating outdoor experiences. The dorms will house a variety of raptors, pairs and sizes; one will even have a small concrete pond.

As the center waits for construction to begin, staff is setting up temporary housing along the outdoor exhibit trail. Depending on the bird's species and disability, each cage will be custom-furnished with the right perches, platforms, houses, ramps, hides and hammocks. These center celebrities will feel right at home with high spots for perching and spaces to snooze (or keep out of sight!)



### REVAMPED PICNIC PAVILION PLANNED FOR ST. JAMES FARM

St. James Farm has undergone a lot of changes since the Forest Preserve District officially took possession of the property in 2007. Now, as part of continuing efforts to support the site's master plan, the District has accepted an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant to help refurbish the preserve's popular pavilion.

The pavilion was built in 1985 by the farm's former owner, Brooks McCormick, as a concession area for equestrian events. In fact, the pattern of paver blocks were set to replicate a horse's hoofprints. The pavilion was also home to the formal dinner that welcomed owners, trainers and jockeys on the night before the farm's annual steeplechase event.

When completed, the renovated pavilion will have a new roof as well as a patio and grill, covered breezeway, accessible paths, plantings, and an elevated area for lawn games with benches and an overlook over the pond to the west.

### DANADA *Guided Tours*

If you visit the herd at the Danada Equestrian Center, you'll likely pass the landmark Kentucky-style barn. You may even walk a loop or two around the stall-lined aisles inside. But if you and a few friends want to discover more about the building and the horses it houses, call to sign up for a private one-hour guided walking tour.

The tours are popular with families, Scouts, schools and any group wanting insight into the world of horses. There's no riding, but you'll get an exclusive look at what they eat, how they sleep, why they behave in certain ways, and how the center keeps them healthy and groomed. For availability and fees call the center at 630-668-6012.







## RELAX: YOU'RE AT FULLERSBURG

Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center and the surrounding forest preserve are popular destinations for school groups and trail fans, but what many don't know is that for those looking for place to unwind, the visitor center is a hidden oasis.

Built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corp, the onetime boathouse is surrounded on two sides by a wide shady deck. There, inviting Adirondack chairs and tables scattered under the oak canopy become whatever their users require. For some, they're impromptu cafe seats where you can bring a cup of coffee and sip away while watching mallards float by. For others, they're comfortable perches for watching birds or the perfect spot for dinner and board games al fresco.

## MAYSLAKE LIBRARY *Reading and Learning Room*

In the early 1900s when Francis Stuyvesant Peabody started planning his Tudor Revival-style mansion (today's Mayslake Hall), a large library was a must. Yes, the Peabodys were avid book lovers, but more importantly, private libraries in country homes were in vogue. In addition to storing books, they were de-facto living rooms, where guests could mingle, relax with a good read, or view the homeowners' collections of curiosities. (With four guest rooms, each with a large closet and en suite bathroom, Mayslake Hall was built for guests.)

In 2018 thanks to a private donation, the Forest Preserve District was able to restore the library shelves and add period chandeliers. It then began filling the shelves thanks to a tremendous response to its request for books from 1922 and earlier.

Now, in the spirit of the 1920s library-as-lively-living-space, the library at Mayslake Hall is welcoming visitors Wednesday – Friday noon – 3 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Within this inviting room you can relax with a good book, visit with friends, play the piano or engage in a variety of hands-on experiences. We hope you'll come by often to mingle, relax and explore — but most of all to feel at home.



## ENDANGERED CATTLE AT HOME AT KLINE CREEK

Most people are aware of endangered wildlife, but few know that some historical livestock breeds are also threatened with extinction.

In the 1800s Heritage Shorthorns were the country's most popular breed of cattle. Farmers liked them because they could raise them for dairy or beef. But Shorthorns couldn't compete with the quantity of milk produced by modern-day Holsteins, and the breed lost favor. Today only 245 are registered in the U.S.

To support the Forest Preserve District's mission of conservation and Kline Creek Farm's mission of presenting 1890s agriculture, the farm is building a herd of Heritage Shorthorns. Last year it acquired a cow and bull, and it will use the cow's heifer calf for future breeding.

The Shorthorns will play a key role in day-to-day activities at the farm that highlight the importance of livestock to DuPage farmers. Each day is different, so visit often!

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## HEADQUARTERS

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forest@dupageforest.org

**Visitor Services**  
630-933-7248

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Plus Saturdays June 1 – Aug. 24  
(except July 6 ) 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Office**  
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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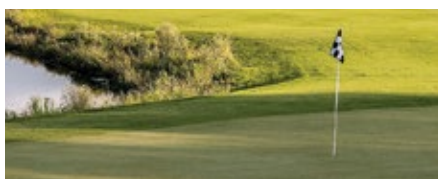
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Most forest preserves are open daily from one hour after sunrise until one hour after sunset. Education centers have varying hours and are closed on select holidays.

## 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

**Office**  
Daily 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Barn**  
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Saturdays & Sundays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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

Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sundays 1 – 5 p.m.

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

Thursday – Monday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
(Thursdays June – August 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.)  
Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays

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

**Office**  
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Closed Sundays

**Tours**  
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Saturdays 9, 9:30, 10, 11 & 11:30 a.m.  
No tours mid-December – mid-January

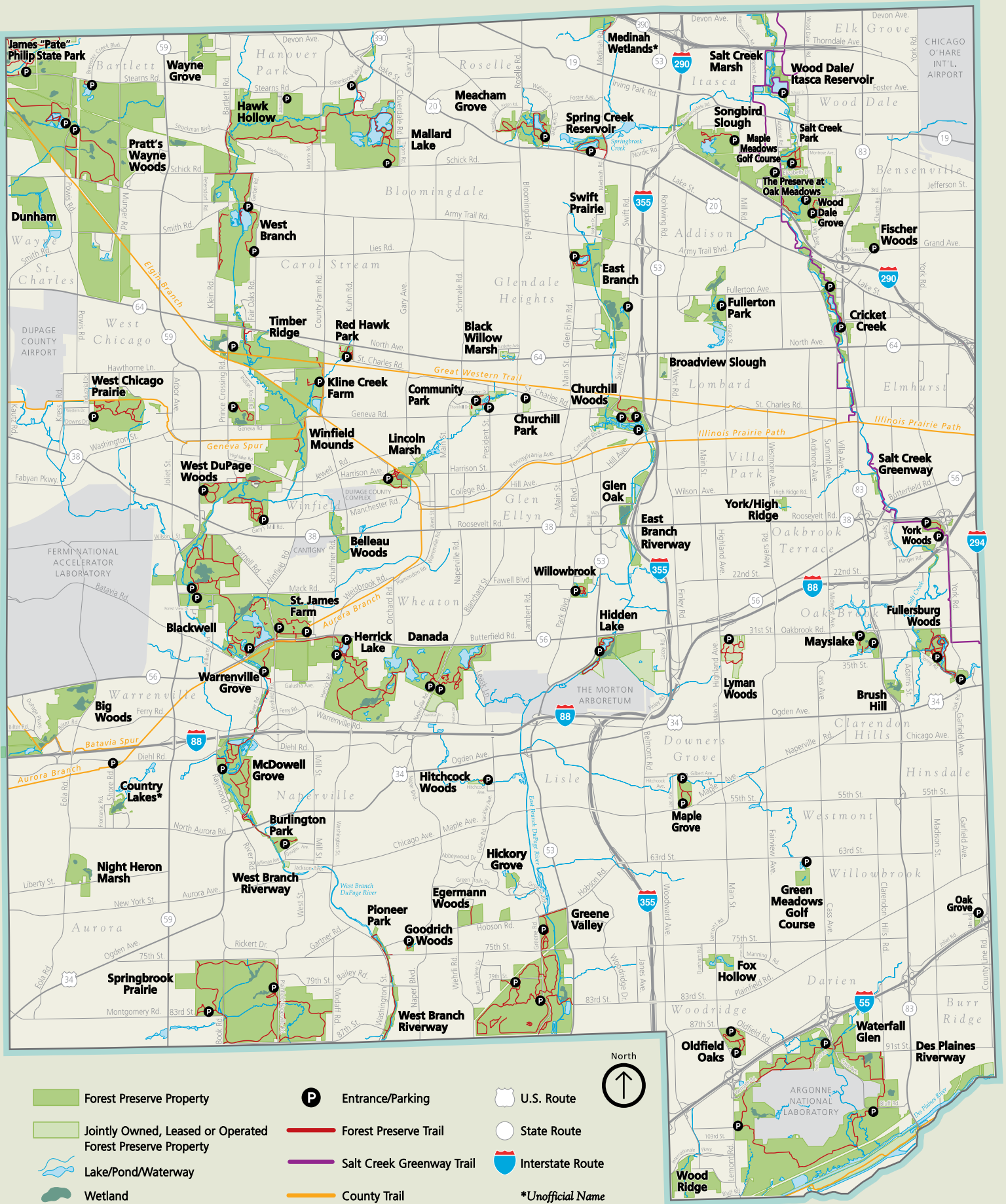
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Glen Ellyn • 630-942-6200

**Visitor Center**  
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**Animal Admittance**  
**November – March**  
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Saturdays & Sundays 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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