

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our weeklong Centennial Celebration, 100 Years/100 Events, is packed with activities. The celebration kicks off Sunday, September 20 at Crabtree Nature Center with Art in Nature. Events will take place throughout the County all week through Sunday, September 27, and culminate at Caldwell Woods with the largest tree hug in Cook County!

This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for us all to celebrate one of the oldest and largest forest preserves in the nation. Thanks to our many partners and volunteers, there are activities for all ages, interests and skill sets. Activities range from organized events like fishing, archery, nature hikes and bird walks to simply taking a bike ride or jog on your own or with a friend.

Staying true to the Forest Preserves' mission of restoration, you can also learn how our dedicated stewards and volunteers clear invasive plants and help native species recover.

The weeklong celebration not only marks this historic anniversary, it will form a life-long connection with nature and encourage more people to use the preserves regularly.

Be sure to share the fun with your online networks by posting your photos and including #100events. See you in the preserves!

Toni Preckwinkle
President,
Forest Preserves of Cook County

CATCH THE NATURE EXPRESS

Special <u>FREE</u> buses will travel within each zone to make it easier to get to our events. Check below for bus stops in each zone. See event listings for location addresses.

SATURDAY, SEPT 26

Central Zone Route: 8 am - 4 pm

- Thatcher Pavilion Trailside Museum Miller Meadow South Zoo Woods
- Portage Historical Site

North Zone Route: 9 am - 5 pm

- Erickson Woods Chicago Botanic Garden Camp Dan Beard
- River Trail Nature Center Somme Woods (1 3 pm)

Northwest Zone Route: 10 am to 6 pm

• Crabtree Nature Center • Camp Reinberg • Deer Grove East

Busse Woods Route: 11 am - 2 pm
Between Groves 4 and 25
South Zone Route: 9 am - 7 pm

• Dan Ryan Woods • Kickapoo Woods • Wampum Lake (Noon – 4:30 pm)

Sand Ridge Nature Center/Camp Shabbona

Southwest Zone: 9 am - 8 pm

- Papoose Lake (only 9 am 3 pm) Morrill Meadow (only 10 am 2 pm)
- · Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

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South Zone Route: 8 am - 2 pm

• Sand Ridge Nature Center/Camp Shabbona • Eggers Woods

North Zone Route: 10 am - 2 pm

• Camp Dan Beard • River Trail Nature Center

Nature Express to Largest Tree Hug

Buses leave from these sites at 2 pm to Caldwell Woods. Return trips from Caldwell Woods leave at 6 pm. *Registration is required for these buses. Visit the links below to sign up.*

- Thatcher Woods: https://927natureexpressthatcher.eventbrite.com
- Crabtree Nature Center: https://927natureexpresscrabtree.eventbrite.com
- Camp Bullfrog Lake: http://927natureexpressbullfrog.eventbrite.com
- Lake Avenue East: http://927natureexpresslakeaveeast.eventbrite.com
- Eggers Woods: http://927natureexpresseggers.eventbrite.com

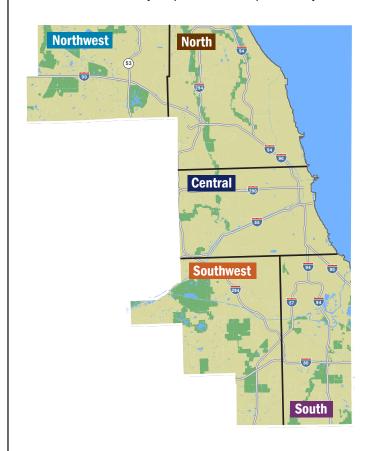
Nature Express buses for 100 Years/100 Events are generously supported by the Forest Preserves Foundation.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

All activities in our Centennial Celebration are organized by geographic zone. Check out the map to find the zone closest to you.

Then look for the corresponding activities in the matching zone listings for all the ways to celebrate with us.

We'll also have staffed activity hubs in each zone to answer your questions and help maximize your fun!



For more info, visit fpdcc.com/100events

NORTHWEST ZONE

For more information, visit fpdcc.com/100events

SUNDAY, SEPT 20

100 YEARS/100 EVENTS KICKOFF:



Art in Nature

Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Rd, Barrington Hills Watch artists as they paint along our scenic trails. Listen to live music, view artwork for sale and vote for your favorite artist. Try your hand at creating your own artwork-materials and instruction provided. Kids can sculpt, paint or draw. Concessions available. For more info, call 847-381-6592. 10 am - 4 pm

TUESDAY, SEPT 22

Bird Walk

Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Rd, Barrington Hills Hike the trails and view native birds with the Barrington Natural History Society. Bring your binoculars and enjoy a beautiful morning walk with us. For more info, call 847-381-6592. 8 - 10 am

FRIDAY, SEPT 25

Night Bike Ride with Friends of the Forest Preserves

Busse Woods Boating Center, Enter off Higgins Rd, 1/4 mile east of I-90, Elk Grove Village

Join Friends of the Forest Preserves and Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove Village for the first ever after-dark bike ride! This eight-mile bike trail winds through meadows, woods and along the shore of the reservoir. Enjoy live music, a bonfire and wildlife exhibits. Registration is required. Visit fotfp.org/event/night-ride to register and get a map. For more info, call 312-356-9990 or email jennie@fotfp.org. 6 - 11 pm

Night at the Nature Center

Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Rd, Barrington Hills Lots of animals wake up as the sun goes down. We'll hunt for active critters outside and meet some of our nocturnal residents. Registration is required. Please call 847-381-6592. 7 - 9 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 26

Bird Walk

Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Rd, Barrington Hills The DuPage Birding Club will lead this walk to seek fall migrants, through various habitats where 260+ bird species have been recorded. Sturdy footwear is a must. Bring binoculars. For more info, call 224-501-6632.

8 am - Noon

Nature Play Day

Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Rd, Barrington Hills Explore nature in our three-acre nature play area. Catch insects, build forts, climb a spider web and enjoy science and art activities.

Noon - 3 pm

Stewardship Activity: Seed Collection

Meet at 459 W Hwy 22, across from Good Shepherd Hospital, Lake Barrington

Join Citizens for Conservation to learn about the natural history and restoration of Spring Creek Prairie and collect seeds that will be used to sow hundreds of acres in new and developing prairie restorations. Register at https://goo.gl/rFBgQq.

9 - 11 am

Stewardship Activity: Seed Collection

Carl R. Hansen Woods, 289 IL-59, Hoffman Estates Friends of Poplar Creek will host this workday focused on seed collecting, which will help to sow acres of new prairie restorations. Register at https://goo.gl/Ux5cQX.

9 am - Noon

Stewardship Activity: Brush Cutting & Burning

Deer Grove West, Grove 5, 1935 W Dundee Road, Palatine Join the Deer Grove Natural Area Volunteers in restoration activities that include brush cutting, brush pile burns, and walks of the State Nature Preserve. Register at https://goo.gl/0cHVe7.

9 am - Noon

Bird Walk

Deer Grove East, 2 W Dundee Rd, Palatine
The Bird Conservation Network, a coalition of 21 organizations, will lead this walk and teach participants how to use their own binoculars to see birds, butterflies, dragonflies and wildflowers. Light refreshments will be served. Dress for the weather. No dogs. Contact Leader Joan Bruchman at pjbruchman@comcast.net to register and get directions to the meeting location.

8 - 10 am

Self-Guided Tours

Deer Grove East, 2 W Dundee Rd, Palatine Meet at west end of parking lot. Openlands and Friends of Deer Grove East present self-guided tours of the Deer Grove East Restoration. For more info, call 224-501-6632.

Noon - 4 pm

Stewardship Activity: Seed Collecting

Deer Grove East, Grove 2, 2 W Dundee Rd, Palatine
Join Friends of Deer Grove East for seed collecting, processing
and sowing for restoration. Register at https://goo.gl/3tsNXR.
1 – 4 pm

Basic Map & Compass Navigation

Busse Woods, Grove 4, Enter off Higgins Rd, one mile west of Arlington Hts Rd, Elk Grove Village
Even with modern technology, the best foundation for navigation know-how is having map and compass skills. Learn how to stay on course with our experts. Register at www.llbean.com/southbarrington.

Two sessions: 11 am - Noon; 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Stories, Singing and Drumming of Native People

Busse Woods, Grove 4, Enter off Higgins Rd, one mile west of Arlington Hts Rd, Elk Grove Village

The American Indian Center's Executive Director Andrew Johnson will provide stories about the Cherokee culture. Singer/drummer Dave Spencer will talk about the use and meaning of a hand drum to Native People. For more info, call 224-501-6632.

Noon - 1 pm

Early Evening Ramble at Horizon Farm

Horizon Farm, 331 Old Sutton Rd, Barrington Hills See how wildlife prepares for nightfall during a walk among the songs of the pond and sights of the prairie. After this family-friendly exploration, we'll enjoy a bonfire. Why not bring a sack dinner and marshmallows? Registration is required. Email bactrust1@gmail.com or call 847-387-3149.

5 - 7:30 pm

Nature Play Afternoon

Camp Reinberg, 1801 N Quentin, Palatine Families and children can play in the nature play area at Camp Reinberg. Learn about animals and plants, take a hike and explore our camping programs. Dress for the weather. For more info, call 224-501-6632.

4 - 6 pm

Jens Jensen: The Living Green

Camp Reinberg, 1801 N Quentin, Palatine

Carey Lundin's film "Jens Jensen: The Living Green" follows the career of Danish-born Jensen from street sweeper to "dean of landscape architecture", to pioneering conservationist. For more info, call 224-501-6632.

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Campfire and S'mores

Camp Reinberg, 1801 N Quentin, Palatine Forest Preserves staff will host a campfire with s'mores following the Jens Jensen film. For more info, call 224-501-6632.

8:30 - 10 pm

SUNDAY, SEPT 27

Breakfast and Guided Equestrian Ride

Spring Creek Equestrian Center, 299 N Bateman Rd, Barrington Hills

Bring your horse and enjoy the beautiful scenery at this event hosted by the Riding Club of Barrington Hills. Ride with a group or on your own, then enjoy a home-cooked breakfast for a small donation. Non-riders are welcome for breakfast and to spectate. For more info, call 847-658-9859 or 847-732-0988.

9 - 11 am (Ride: 9 am, Breakfast: 10:30 am)

Commissioner Schneider's Fishing Derby

Busse Woods, Grove 25, Enter off Higgins Rd, 1/4 mile east of I-90, Elk Grove Village

Join Commissioner Timothy Schneider at Busse Reservoir for his annual Fishing Derby. Sign up at tim.schneider@cookcountyil.gov or call 847-640-1632.

9 am – Noon

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SUNDAY, SEPT 27 (continued)

Meet the Fish of the Forest Preserves

Busse Woods, Grove 25, Enter off Higgins Rd, 1/4 mile east of I-90, Elk Grove Village

Forest Preserves Fisheries Section will introduce you to a variety of fish species that live in our lakes and rivers. Held in conjunction with the Fishing Derby.

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Fly Casting

Busse Woods Boating Center, Enter off Higgins Rd, 1/4 mile east of I-90, Elk Grove Village

Here's your chance to learn a sport that you may end up loving for a lifetime. Our friendly, knowledgeable instructors will teach you the four-part cast, share helpful tips about casting and provide plenty of time to practice and perfect your cast. Register at www.llbean.com/southbarrington.

Two Sessions: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm; 2 - 3 pm

Lunar Eclipse Hike

Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Rd, Barrington Hills
Join this two-mile hike to watch the harvest moon become
cloaked by the shadow of our home planet. Meet at the exhibit
building. Sturdy shoes and comfortable clothing are
recommended. Registration is required. Call 847-381-6592.
8 – 10 pm



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SUNDAY, SEPT 20

Nature Hike in the City

Gompers Park Fieldhouse, 4222 W Foster Ave, Chicago Learn from a Chicago Park District Certified Naturalist about nature in the city. We'll start at Gompers Park and hike through LaBagh Woods. Afterward, relax by the campfire and enjoy roasted marshmallows. For more info, call 773-947-7110.

6 – 8:30 pm

MONDAY, SEPT 21

Ampelography: I Heard It Through the Grapevine

Chicago Botanic Garden, Regenstein Center, Lenhardt Library, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe

Enjoy this interesting exhibit on ampelography, the field of botany focused on identification and classification of grapevines. For more info, call 847-835-5440.

10 am - 4 pm

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6 – 8:30 pm

TUESDAY, SEPT 22

Archery in the Forest Preserves

LaBagh Woods, 5275 N Cicero Ave, Chicago
Discover your inner Robin Hood! Join the Gompers Park
Archery Club at this open shoot. Enjoy our shooting compound
and practice with recurve-style bows. Presented by Chicago
Park District. For more info, call 312-505-6664.

4 - 6 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23

Small Serendipity

River Trail Nature Center, 3120 N Milwaukee, Northbrook Join us for a nature story and craft or other fun activity. For ages 3-6 with adult. For more info, call 847-381-6592.

10 am - Noon

Discovery Programs

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe Explore a variety of gardening topics in an informal setting. Learn through one-on-one conversations, demos, discovery carts, mini tours and activities. Visit these three locations: English Walled Garden, Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden and Elizabeth Hubert Malott Japanese Garden. All ages. For more info, call 847-835-5440.

11 am - 3 pm

FRIDAY, SEPT 25

Investigating Equestrians

Glen Grove Equestrian Center, 9453 Harms Rd, Morton Grove Don't miss this opportunity to discover all about horses. Meet the horses, learn about safety, grooming, horse care and more. Registration required. Call 312-533-5751. Space is limited. 3 – 5 pm

Night Life: Night Hike

River Trail Nature Center, 3120 N Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook Join us for a night hike to learn about nocturnal animals. \$2 per person. Register by 9/23. Call 847-824-8360.

7 pm (6:45 pm check in) - 8:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 26

Nature as Teacher: From Sky to Earth

Erikson Woods, Grove 1, 1649 Willow Rd, Winnetka Join site stewards of Skokie Lagoons and volunteers of BackYard Nature Center and the Evanston North Shore Bird Club for bird walks, nature hikes, and fishing clinics. Bird Walks depart at 8:30 and 9:30 am. For more info, call 312-415-2970.

7 am - 2 pm

Tree Caching: A Tree Treasure Hunt

Perkins Woods, 2353 Ewing Ave, Evanston
The City of Evanston's Ecology Center will host a treasure hunt
where participants use GPS units to find hidden caches among
the trees. For more info, call 847-448-8146.

9 am - Noon

Campground Games & Skills with Boy Scouts

Camp Dan Beard, 200 Portwine Rd, Northbrook
Test your campground skills with campground activities. How
are your outdoor cooking skills? How fast can you set up and
take down a tent? Pack a backpack for hiking? Join us to find
out. For more info, call 312-889-6404.

10 am - 2 pm

Family Drop-in Program

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe
Join us at the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden arbor for
fun, hands-on activities. Discover where food comes from and
how plants grow. Pollinate flowers, dissect seeds, see roots
growing, compost with worms and create a rainbow for healthy
eating. Weather permitting. For more info, call 847-835-5440.

11 am – 4 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 26 (continued)

Animals and Plants of the Oak Woodlands and Savannas
Somme Woods, 1720 Dundee Rd, Northbrook
Dress for a wilderness hike and explore a tallgrass woodlandsavanna-prairie complex with leader Stephen Packard. Get to
know the birds, butterflies, wildflowers and grasses while
hearing how stewards bring populations of rare species back to
good health. To register, email info@sommepreserve.org.

What's on the Menu?

2 - 3:30 pm

River Trail Nature Center, 3120 N Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook Join us at feeding time to learn about our display animals and their unique habits.

3 - 4 pm

SUNDAY, SEPT 27

Bird Walk

Skokie Lagoons, Northfield

The Bird Conservation Network, a coalition of 21 organizations, will lead this walk and teach participants how to use their (own) binoculars to see birds, butterflies, dragonflies and wildflowers. Light refreshments will be served. Dress for the weather. No dogs. Contact Leader Mary Lou Mellon at marylou.mellon@gmail.com or call 847-386-7344 to register and get directions to the meeting location.

8 - 10 am

Bird Walk

Perkins Woods, 2353 Ewing Ave, Evanston
Join the Evanston North Shore Bird Club for a bird walk through
Perkins Woods, and look for migrating warblers and thrushes.
For more info, call 224-628-6108. Registration required.
Email info@ensbc.org.

8:30 - 10:30 am

Volunteer Restoration

Blue Star Memorial Woods, 701 Lake Ave, Glenview In partnership with the Forest Preserves, Friends of the Chicago River, Friends of the Forest Preserves, and Audubon Chicago Region, Centennial Volunteers initiative is launching a restoration series and will provide training in various restoration activities. Snacks provided. For info, call Josh Coles at 330-705-3762. Register online at fpdcc.com/CV.

10 am - 1 pm

Campground Games & Skills with Boy Scouts

Camp Dan Beard, 200 Portwine Rd, Northbrook
Test your skills with campground activities. How are your
outdoor cooking skills? How fast can you set up a tent? Pack a
backpack? Join us to find out. For more info, call 312-8896404.

10 am - 2 pm

Garden Chef Series

Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd, Glencoe Join us as noted chefs prepare recipes in the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden's open-air amphitheater. Weather permitting. For more info, call 847-835-5440.

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Illinois Mammals

River Trail Nature Center, 3120 N Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook Learn about some of the furry residents that live in your forest preserves.

1:30 - 3 pm



Caldwell Woods, 6350 W Devon Ave, Chicago For more info, call 312-415-2970.

The Largest Tree Hug in Cook County
 This beautiful preserve will be the scene of hundreds of people hugging trees, as we end our centennial celebration. Enjoy lots of tree love, food trucks, music and kids activities.
 3 - 6 pm

• Live Music: Cajun Vagabonds

The music of this popular dance band will start and complete the afternoon activities. 3-6 pm

Bullfrog Community Choir

This choir, whose members are involved with restoration work, will perform songs specifically for native plants. Music by Bartok. $4-5~\mathrm{pm}$

Poetree Poetry Reading & Writing

The Niles Public Library presents some of the best tree poems. Read your favorites or your own at the open mic. Call 847-663-6625. 3-6~pm

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CENTRAL ZONE

For more information, visit fpdcc.com/100events

SUNDAY, SEPT 20

ZooRunRun

Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Golf Rd, Brookfield
The ZooRunRun features 5K routes set entirely within
Brookfield Zoo's 216 acre nature park! Registration in advance
is required. For more info, visit www.CZS.org/zoorunrun.

First race begins at 8:30 am

A Century in the Woods: The Zoo Woods Prairie

Zoo Woods, 159 1st Ave, Riverside
Zoo Woods brilliantly displays the remarkable landscape
diversity of the Des Plaines River environment. Marvel at the
intricate mosaic of habitats assembled by nature over the last
20,000 years. Long trousers, long sleeves, hiking shoes and
insect repellent recommended. Tours are one hour. Ages 12 &
up. Register for separate tours at the following links.
https://fpdcc100yearszoowoods9209.eventbrite.com
https://fpdcc100yearszoowoods92012.eventbrite.com
https://fpdcc100yearszoowoods9203.eventbrite.com

9 am • Noon • 3 pm

Stewardship Activities: Actividades de Restauración Ecológica: Guiada en Español

Cermak Woods, 7613 Ogden Ave, Lyons

"Pradera de Cermak" es un área natural de 18-acres al oeste del río Des Plaines. ¡Ayúdanos a eliminar especies invasoras para expandir el hábitat de nuestras plantas y animales! Se recomienda traer: Pantalones largos, camiseta de manga larga y zapatos para caminar. Regístrate en https://goo.gl/wcY9iq 9/20

10 am - 1pm

TUESDAY, SEPT 22

Bird Walk

Bemis Woods North, 3298 Wolf Rd, Western Springs, meet at far west end by the shelter.

Join John Elliott of the Chicago Audubon Society on this informational walk and learn about native birds, insects and plants. For more info, call 224-501-6633.

7 - 9 am

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23

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Homeschool Connections: Forest Ecology

Trailside Museum, 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest Join other homeschoolers to learn how to identify trees and the roles they play in our local ecosystems. Ages 8 & up, with adult. Register by phone at 708-366-6530 by 9/21. Space is limited.

2 - 3:30 pm

THURSDAY, SEPT 24

Tour of a Nature Preserve with an Ecologist

Wolf Road Prairie Nature Preserve, 11254 31st St, Westchester

Tour a Nature Preserve with one of the Forest Preserves' ecologists. Registration required. Email Brittany.baumer@cookcountyil.gov.

4 - 6 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 26

Bird Walk

Thatcher Woods, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest
The Bird Conservation Network, a coalition of 21 organizations, will lead this walk and teach participants how to use their own binoculars to see birds, butterflies, dragonflies and wildflowers. Light refreshments will be served. Dress for the weather. No dogs. Contact Leader Dave Willard at 312-665-7731 or dwillard@fieldmuseum.org to register and receive directions to the meeting location.

8 - 10 am

Stewardship Activity: Cut and Burn Invasives

Arie Crown Forest, 6398 S LaGrange, Countryside Join site stewards John and LuAnne Dudlo in cutting and burning invasive plants. Register at https://goo.gl/13xNHp to volunteer.

9 am - Noon

Stewardship Activity: Brush Cutting

Portage Woods, 4800 S Harlem, Lyons

Chicago Portage National Historic Site is one of only two such sites in Illinois. Join stewardship efforts to care for this historic ground. Groups are welcome. Ages 10 & up. Children ages 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

9 am - Noon

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https://fpdcc100yearszoowoods9269.eventbrite.com https://fpdcc100yearszoowoods92612.eventbrite.com http://fpdcc100yearszoowoods9263.eventbrite.com

9 am • Noon • 3 pm

Chicago Portage Centennial Tour

Portage Woods, 4800 S Harlem, Lyons Friends of the Chicago Portage will lead a free tour of this historic site, covering the birth stories of Chicago and the development of Cook County's Forest Preserve District. For more info, visit chicagoportage.org.

10 - 11:30 am

Big Equipment Tour

Miller Meadow South,, 2175 S 1st Ave, Forest Park Maintaining and restoring 69,000 acres is a big job that requires big equipment. Join us to see and touch trucks, log loaders, tractors, and other machinery that play a key role in our operations. For more info, call 224-501-6633.

10 am - 2 pm

Kids Climb Activity

Miller Meadow South, 2175 S 1st Ave, Forest Park Using a system of harnesses and ropes, participants will be lifted high into the canopy of one of our strong, towering trees. For more info, call 224-501-6633.

10 am - 2 pm

100 Plants for Play!

Jardincito Nature Play Garden, 2300-2306 S Whipple, Chicago Join Neighbor Space in planting 100 native plants in celebration of the Forest Preserves 100th anniversary. Get a

sneak peek at this special urban play garden. For more info, call 224-501-6633.

10 am - 2 pm

Salt Creek Bike Ride with the Boy Scouts

Activities start at Bemis Woods North, 3298 Wolf Rd, Western Springs.

Join scouts from the Voyager Trace District, Pathway to Adventure Council, as they pedal along the Salt Creek bike path and conduct a safety demo. Bring your own bike. For more info, call 630-487-3375.

10 am - 2 pm

Cat Awareness Weekend

Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Golf Rd, Brookfield Join us for Zoo Chats and cat-themed activities for cat lovers of all ages, the purr-fect chance to learn about cats big and small. For more info, visit czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Events.

10 am - 6 pm

Games of the Past

Portage Woods, 4800 S Harlem, Lyons Join the I & M Canal National Heritage Corridor Civic Center Authority to learn and play games from the past. Come out and try your skills. For more info, call 224-501-6633.

11 am - 2 pm

Beyond the Picnic Grove Family Food Event

Thatcher Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest
There's a lot to do besides picnic in the Forest Preserves. Come
for a picnic or make a picnic in the moment from food trucks
on-site. You can also hike, meet Forest Preserve wildlife staff,
learn from West Cook WildOnes and more. Hosted by the
Forest Preserve Foundation.* For more info, call 224-5016633.

11 am - 2 pm

OTHER EVENTS AT THATCHER WOODS

8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest. For more info, call 224-501-6633.

Bird Banding and Telemetry

Watch as our wildlife staff demonstrate bird banding and radio telemetry techniques used in animal tracking. Other events will also take place here, so bring family and friends! 11 am – 2 pm

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• Insect Petting Zoo and Nature Exploration
Experience the wonders of the insect world with the U of I
Extension, and learn about insects' important role in our
environment. See Blue Death Feigning Beetles, Madagascar
Hissing Cockroaches, American Millipedes, Bess Beetles and
a Tarantula up close!

11 am - 2 pm

· Leaf ID Activity

Take a guided hike with the folks from Morton Arboretum as they move through a Tree Maze, and learn to ID a leaf! Other events will also take place here, so bring family and friends! 11 am – 2 pm

ConSERVE Chicago

Join the Student Conservation Association for conservation work. Hike this beautiful natural area and help with restoration activities. Sign up at Imecum@thesca.org 1 – 3 pm

Oktoberfest Festival

Join the Forest Preserve Foundation's Young Professionals Association* and Vice District Brewing Co. for networking, games and locally brewed beer. Enjoy guided walks, a bonfire and food trucks. Tickets are \$25, available on-site. All proceeds benefit the Conservation Corps, a youth work training program focused on conservation and the environment. For more info, call 224-501-6633.

3 – 6 pm

*The Forest Preserve Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support nature education, restoration and access to programs at the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

Interactive Art Experience

Portage Woods, 4800 S Harlem Ave, Lyons KMG Fine Arts hosts this activity that will demonstrate that you never really see something unless you draw it. Learn science through a botanical arts experience. Materials will be provided and are yours to keep. To register, email kmgfinearts@comcast.net.

Noon - 1 pm

Trailside History Hike

Trailside Museum, 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest

Learn the interesting history of Trailside and Thatcher Woods through artifacts and a three-mile hike. Visit Native American sites and a "lost village." Adults only. Register by 9/24 at 708-366-6530.

1 pm - 3 pm

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10 am – 6 pm

Thatcher Woods Restoration Tour

Thatcher Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave, River Forest
Steward Victor Guarino will first lead you in a virtual tour along
a heritage trail that follows the Des Plaines River. Then, enjoy a
walking tour of the Thatcher Prairie restoration site.
Registration required. Email victor.guarino@sbcglobal.net
12:30 – 2:30 pm

Early Autumn Walk

Trailside Museum, 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest Enjoy a guided walk to learn about local plants and animals, as summer turns to autumn. Register by 9/25. Call 708-366-6530.

1 - 2:30 pm



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SUNDAY, SEPT 20

Hike the Esker Trail

Teasons Woods, 11103 S 104th Ave, Palos Hills

The Esker Trail is "about as far away from roads as you can get in Cook County." Hike it with John Elliott of the Chicago Audubon Society and learn about the wildlife and plants of the area. For more info, call 224-501-6631.

10 am - Noon

TUESDAY, SEPT 22

Step Back in Time: Cliff Climb Challenge

Swallow Cliff Stairs, 10267 Calumet Sag Rd, Palos Hills Step out to support the preserves and learn some history in this mind-body challenge. How well do you know the preserves? Can you climb 100 flights? There will be prizes and bragging rights! For more info, call 224-501-6631.

4 - 6 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23

Mother Nature and Me

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs

Children ages 3-5 and their favorite adult will learn more about nature through storytelling, a nature walk and a fun craft. Registration required. Call 708-839-6897.

10:30 - 11:30 am

THURSDAY, SEPT 24

S.E.N.I.O.R.S.

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs

Are you a senior citizen who wants to stay active and remain a lifelong learner? Nature will inspire these on-site activities. Seniors only. Registration required. Call 708-839-6897.

10 - 11 am

FRIDAY, SEPT 25

Canyon Tours

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 W 111th St, Lemont

Sagawau Canyon is the only natural exposure of bedrock in Cook County. Join naturalists for an exhilarating hike down the canyon to learn how it was formed. Be prepared for hiking through streams and unstable footing.

Two Sessions: 10 - 11:30 am; 2 - 3:30 pm

Autumnal Equinox Night Hike

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs

Celebrate this special evening by hiking the woodlands at night. Ages 7 & up. Registration required. Call 708-839-6897. Limit 20.

7 - 8:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 26

Nature Hike

Bartel Grassland, 5621 Flossmoor Rd, Matteson Join the Bartel Grassland Volunteers on a hike of this historic area. Find out how it fits in with a global effort to conserve areas that are vital to birds and other biodiversity. For more info, call 224-501-6631.

7 - 10 am

REI Run Series

Bullfrog Lake, 9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs Run the Palos trails with REI's Outdoor School. All who sign up will receive awesome REI branded gear, maps of the course and plenty of post-race refreshments. Register at http://goo.gl/geaa0s \$15 per person.

8 -10 am

Mountain Bike 101 and Picnic

Maple Lake East, 9697 W 95th St, Willow Springs
The Chicago Area Mountain Bikers will lead a short early
morning beginner class followed by a large group ride. Learn
etiquette and trail safety while becoming familiar with the
layout of the Palos system. A potluck picnic begins about
Noon. For more info, call 312-501-6631.

8 am - 1 pm

Fishing Derby and 100 Bobbers

Papoose Lake, 9877 W 123rd St, Palos Park
Join us to fish, learn casting techniques, and participate in our
Bobber Event. We'll aim to make history by having 100
bobbers in the water at one time. Bobbers are provided, and a
limited number of fishing poles will be available. Hosted by the
Village of Palos Park and supported by Bass Pro Shop. For
more info, call 708-671-3460.

9 am - 3 pm; Bobber Event at 10:30 am

Meet the Fish of the Forest Preserves

Papoose Lake, 9877 W 123rd St, Palos Park Forest Preserves Fisheries Section will introduce you to a variety of fish species that live in our lakes and rivers. Held in conjunction with the Fishing Derby.

9 am - 3 pm

Stewardship Activity: Cut and Burn Invasives

Spears Woods, 8800 S LaGrange Rd, (enter from the north), Hickory Hills

Palos Restoration Project will lead in the cutting and burning of invasive brush as part of an ongoing restoration program.

Registration required. Email

palosrestorationproject@gmail.com or visit

https://goo.gl/791tGz to register. For more info, call Jan Pietrzak: 708-439-1767.

9 am - Noon

A Smorgasbord of Biodiversity

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 W 111th St, Lemont

Visit stations highlighting diverse living organisms. Follow our trails to learn about bird banding, butterfly tagging and how aging ancient oaks help us understand the trees of our forest. 9 am – 2 pm

EVENTS AT OAK FOREST HERITAGE PRESERVE

16124 Fieldcrest Dr, Markham. For more info, call 224-501-6631.

- The Archaeology of Early Cook County
 Learn what the study of archaeology has to say about Native
 Americans and early settlers in the Cook County area.
 Presented by the Illinois State Archaeological Survey.
 10 am Noon
- Flintknapping: Tools of the Past
 Ever wonder how prehistoric Native Americans made
 arrowheads? Visit this archaeology demonstration to learn
 how. Presented by the Illinois State Archaeological Survey.
 10 am Noon
- Prehistoric Pottery Making

Pottery styles and the technologies used to make pots have changed significantly through time. Explore what archaeologists can learn by studying prehistoric pottery.

Presented by the Illinois State Archaeological Survey.

10 am – Noon

Photo Meet Up

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 W 111th St, Lemont

This outing is led by a naturalist and will highlight a natural area, with scenic vistas and interesting plants and wildlife. For all photographer levels and camera types.

10 am - Noon

Horse Ride and Lunch

Camp Kiwanis Equestrian Staging Area, 9700 104th Ave, Willow Springs

Bring your horse and join the Palos Hills Horsemen's Association on a tour of these beautiful trails, then stay for lunch afterwards. Register by 9/22. Call 708-712-8512 or email vckvogel@yahoo.com.

10 am - Noon

Air Show of Radio-Controlled Aircraft

Morrill Meadow, 10399 W 107st St, Palos Hills
The Palos RC Flying Club will put on a fee air show featuring
various types of radio controlled aircraft. They'll also have flight
simulators on-hand to try for yourself! For more info, email
events@palosrc.com or call 224-501-6631.

10 am - 2 pm

Three-Mile Walk/Run

Midlothian Meadow, 15700 S Pulaski Ave, Midlothian Tinley Park High School invites you to run or walk a three-mile cross country course after their 53rd Annual High School Cross Country Invite. Come early at 8 am to watch 300 runners from 36 schools compete. For more info, call Mike Mongan at 708-342-8221.

Noon - 2 pm

Tree ID 101 and Forest Walk

Black Partridge Woods, 149 W Bluff Rd, Lemont
Led by Dr. Sarah Richardson of the DePaul University
Biological Sciences Department, we'll start by building
introductory skills for identifying tree species in the forest.
We'll also learn about the history and management of Black
Partridge Woods, then set out on a hike to practice identifying
trees. Boots or sturdy shoes are recommended. Questions and
reservations, email wilddaisygarden@yahoo.com or call 773325-1567.

1 - 3 pm

Hike of Spears Woods

Spears Woods, 8800 S LaGrange Rd, (enter from the north), Hickory Hills

Take a hike with the Palos Restoration Project and learn about the ongoing ecological restoration occurring here. For more info. call Jan Pietrzak at 708-439-1767.

1 - 3 pm

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Nature 100 Challenge

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs

We're challenging our visitors to find 100 natural things along the trails. Stop in at the reception desk to begin your challenge. All ages.

2 - 5 pm

Camping 101

Camp Sullivan, 14630 Oak Park Ave, Oak Forest Learn all about our Camping Leadership Immersion Course (CLIC). Find out how to participate in this overnight training course that teaches equipment use and care, campground cooking, activities, teamwork and nature-based education. For more info, call 224-501-6631.

4 - 6 pm

All Around the Campfire: Music, Stories and More

Camp Bullfrog Lake, 9600 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs "Beasts at Bedtime" author Dr. Liam Heneghan, Ecosystem Ecologist, will discuss how nature lessons and ecological information are part of many children's stories. Live music will be provided by country/folk/Americana artists David Prusina & The Cryin' Side of Town, and we'll have s'mores around the campfire. For more info, call 224-501-6631.

6 - 9 pm

SUNDAY, SEPT 27

Yoga in Nature

Camp Bullfrog Lake, 9600 Wolf Rd, Willow Springs Welcome the morning with outdoor yoga at Camp Bullfrog Lake. Meet at the office. Please bring your own mat. For more info, call 224-501-6631.

8 - 9:30 am

Drop In Fossil Hunt

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 W 111th St, Lemont

Visit an ancient coral reef! Take a self-guided hike to our fossil reserve quarry, and piece together the habitat of the Silurian Sea while searching for fossils. No groups. No hammers. Be preparted for a long hike over uneven terrain.

10 am - 1 pm

Biodiversity in the Forest Preserves

Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 W 111th St, Lemont

Learn about the diversity of our native plants and their struggle against invasive species. Try your hand at distinguishing the "good guys" from the "bad guys."

10 am - 2 pm

K-9 Training Demonstration

Tinley Creek Division Headquarters, 13800 S Harlem, Orland Park

Watch and learn how the Forest Preserves Police train and work with their K-9 crew. For more info, call 224-501-6631.

Noon - 1 pm

Leaf Art Fun

Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs

Create colorful and imaginative art using actual leaves. All ages.

1 - 2 pm

SOUTH ZONE

For more information, visit fpdcc.com/100events

SUNDAY, SEPT 20

Fish'N Kids

Powderhorn Lake, 13843-14387 S Brainard Ave, Burnham Come learn to fish! The Chicago Park District will provide everything you need, including instructors. Participants will fish for about 30 minutes. Ages 6 – 95 and all abilities are welcome. For more info, call 773-947-7110.

10 am - 2 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 23

Outdoor Adventures: Ten Essentials

Eggers Grove, 11201 S. Avenue B, Chicago Explore the ten essential items to keep on hand during any

prolonged period of time outdoors. Learn to safely navigate challenges in a neat, scenario-based game. All ages. Call 312-

533-5751 to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

5 - 7 pm

FRIDAY, SEPT 25

The Astronomer's Night Sky

Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 S Paxton, South Holland View planets and other celestial wonders through a telescope, clear skies permitting. In the event of poor skies, an astronomy lecture and slideshow will be presented. Register by 9/23. Call 708-868-0606.

7 - 9 pm

Campfire

Camp Shabbona Woods, 15810 S Torrence Ave, Calumet City After Sand Ridge's Night Sky program, head on over to our new campground for a campfire. All are welcome! For more info, call 312-533-5751.

9 - 10:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 26

EVENTS AT DAN RYAN WOODS

· Biodiversity in Illinois

Grove 5, 8395 S Western Ave, Chicago

Visit the Illinois Natural History Survey's Traveling Science Center to view hands-on exhibits about biodiversity in Illinois. Learn about habitats, species and what you can do to help protect the environment. All ages. For more info, call 217-333-5986 or email jmu@illinois.edu.

7 am - Noon

WYCC Walk for Health

Groves 1, 2, 3, 4, 8395 S Western Ave, Chicago WYCC hosts a 3K Walk for Health with PBS characters, face painting, healthy food demonstrations and exercise workshops. For more info, visit http://www.wycc.org/walkforhealth/9 am - Noon

• Wildlife Watch & Insect Viewing Grove 5, 8395 S Western Ave, Chicago Let Lincoln Park Zoo staff help you identify photos of urban wildlife captured by their remote cameras. They'll also work with children to build humane insect traps that provide optimal viewing. For more info, call 312-742-2070. 9 am – 3 pm

Archery

Grove 5, 8395 S Western Ave, Chicago Have some fun and test your archery skills with the Chicago Archery Club. Ages 8 and up. Equipment provided by the Forest Preserves. For more info, call 312-533-5751. 11 am - 2 pm

Ultimate Frisbee

Groves 3 & 4, 8395 S Western Ave, Chicago
Join Ultimate Chicago in the ultimate Ultimate Frisbee fun
day. Learn the rules, test your skills, play a pick-up game and
watch the pros. For more info, call 312-533-5751.
1 – 4 pm

EVENTS AT KICKAPOO WOODS

14498 S Halsted, Riverdale

Backyard Composting Seminar

The Cook County Department of Environmental Control will show you how to use compost bins and other products that can help you start your own at-home set-up. To register, email Christopher.lipman@cookcountyil.gov or call 312-603-8217. 10 am – 1 pm

• Kickapoo Community Fly Day

The Chicago Model Masters will have registered Academy of Model Aeronautics Flight Instructors on-hand for free flight and ground school instruction. Modern, state of the art radio controlled aircraft, buddy cords, and flight simulators will be used to provide a safe, realistic and enjoyable experience. For more info, call 773-544-4943. 10 am – 1 pm

· Build a Necklace

The Riverdale Tree Commission and Tree
Buddies will provide tree rounds for you to make a one-of-akind nature necklace. For more info, call 312-533-5751.
11 am – 2 pm

• Kickapoo Woods Boat Launch Grand Opening Learn the history of the Little Calumet and celebrate the grand opening of the new boat launch. Check out a watershed model, learn about urban impacts, natural stream features and get info on river restoration and recreation. For more info, call 312-533-5751.

1 - 4 pm

Underwater and Aerial Landscape of a Forest Preserve

Wampum Lake, 598 Thornton-Lansing Rd, Thornton Shedd Aquarium invites you this unique exploration experience. Learn the ropes on how to view fish and habitat above and below the surface with an underwater robotic and an aerial unmanned vehicle. All are welcome. For more info, call 312-533-5751.

1 - 4 pm

EVENTS AT SAND RIDGE NATURE CENTER 15891 S Paxton Ave, South Holland

. The Sun, Our Nearest Star

View the sun through a filtered telescope with our staff astronomer. Learn amazing facts about our nearest star. A slide program will be presented in case of poor weather. Register by 9/24. Call 708-868-0606.

10 am - Noon

A Stroll through Calumet

Go back in time to learn about three different eras: when this region was under glaciers, when Sand Ridge was a shoreline and when settlers arrived. Tour our cabin reproductions of the early European pioneers!

1:30 - 3 pm

. Butterflies of the Night

Presented in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, join well-known moth expert George Derkovitz as he shows you how "black-lighting" is done. We'll learn about insects that fly at night, and hopefully attract some interesting insects.

Register by 9/25. Call 708-868-0606.

 $6 - 8 \, pm$

EVENTS AT CAMP SHABBONA WOODS

15810 S Torrence Ave. South Holland

Native American Games and Campfire
 Camp Shabbona Woods is named after Chief Shabbona, an
 Ottawa tribe member who became a Potawatomi Chief during the 19th century. In his honor, try your hand at some traditional Native American games. For more info, call 312-533-5751.

4 - 6 pm

· Let's Play the Chunky Game!

What kinds of games were played by prehistoric Native Americans of this area? Evidence for a game called "chunky" dates back thousands of years! Join us to reenact the fun. For more info, call 312-533-5751.

4 - 6 pm

. Atlatl Throwing and Big Game

How did prehistoric peoples hunt big game? Learn how it was done, then see if you can hit the target. This event is presented by the Illinois State Archaeological Survey. For more info, call 312-533-5751.

4 - 6 pm

SUNDAY, SEPT 27

EVENTS AT EGGERS GROVE

11200 S Ave B, Chicago

Biodiversity in Illinois

Visit the Illinois Natural History Survey's Traveling Science Center to view hands-on exhibits about biodiversity in Illinois. Learn about habitats, species and what you can do to help protect the environment. All ages. For more info, call 217-333-5986 or email jmu@illinois.

7 am - Noon

A Story Creation Seminar

Learn how stewardship is shaping the story of Eggers Woods. Use natural materials, illustration and writing to create your own nature story. For more info, call 312-533-5751.

9 - 11 am

Poetry Hike

Led by the Field Museum of Natural History, participants will hike in Eggers Woods, and then wax poetic about their experiences. For more info, call 708-334-8831.

11 am - 1 pm

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SUNDAY, SEPT 27 (continued)

Archery and Casting
Fishin' Buddies will provide archery and casting fun for
everyone. Register at:
https://fpdcc100yearsfishinbuddies927.eventbrite.com. For
more info, call 312-533-5751.
 11 am - 1 pm

Fur Tradin'

Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 S Paxton, South Holland You're invited to learn more about fur trading in the Calumet region during the 1820's. See and touch real fur and skins! 1:30 – 3 pm



For more information, visit fpdcc.com/100events

FRIDAY, SEPT 25

Golf: 100 Range Balls for \$1

Harry Semrow Driving Range, Highland Woods, Burnham Woods and George Dunne National Calling all golfers! Billy Casper Golf invites you to celebrate the centennial while practicing your swing. Offer available throughout the weekend. Walk-ins welcome. All ages. For more info, visit www.forestpreservegolf.com.

Sunrise - Sunset

Golf: Round of Golf for \$19.15, includes cart

Burnham Woods, Joe Louis, River Oaks,
Edgebrook, Billy Caldwell and Meadowlark
Join Billy Casper Golf for a round of golf, priced to
commemorate the Forest Preserves' start in 1915. We
recommend scheduling a tee time in advance. For more info or
to book tee times, visit www.forestpreservegolf.com.

Sunrise - Sunset

Golf: Round of Golf for \$19.15, includes cart

George Dunne National, Highland Woods, Indian Boundary and Chick Evans

Join Billy Casper Golf for a round of golf, priced to commemorate the Forest Preserves' start in 1915. We recommend scheduling a tee time in advance. For more info or to book tee times, visit www.forestpreservegolf.com.

11 am - Sunset

ENTER TO WIN!

"100 Paddlers" Paddling Drawing

Enter to win a free canoe or kayak experience! Visit one of our activity hubs during the weekend of September 26 & 27 to submit your name. Paddle trips will take place during the 2015/2016 season with Chicago River Canoe and Kayak at one of its two Forest Preserves locations. Winners will be drawn after September 27 and will be notified by phone or email. For more info, call 312-533-5751.

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