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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

All throughout the Forest Preserves of Cook County, nature is beginning to show us that spring is just around the corner. Birds are beginning their bi-annual migration and wildflowers are starting to bloom. The Forest Preserves are coming alive!



And speaking of bird migration, our #BirdThePreserves programming continues this year with numerous events and programs for people of all ages. From bird walks and banding demonstrations to educational programs and more, birders of all skill levels can find interesting opportunities to enjoy this versatile activity.

Springtime also hosts an important day that encourages each of us to renew our commitment to the natural environment – Earth Day. Consider visiting the Forest Preserves for an Earth Day event or participating in one of the numerous volunteer opportunities happening countywide. Visit fpdcc.com/volunteer to find a nearby restoration workday.

If you're interested in gardening, check out the Forest Preserves' Conservation@Home programming, which encourages landowners to help increase opportunities for wildlife and native plant habitats. Throughout the season, residents can attend a variety of educational programs to learn how simple efforts can greatly benefit the local environment, as well as how to earn a Conservation@Home certification and sign for their yard. Learn more at fpdcc.com/conservationathome.

Finally, if you're already planning fun, educational summer activities for your children, be sure to check out the summer camps at our Nature Centers. Registration opens on Saturday, April 1. Visit fpdcc.com/events/category/day-camps to learn more.

We hope to see you in the Preserves!

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle
President
Forest Preserves of Cook County



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LET'S MOVE! OUTSIDE

The Forest Preserves of Cook County has joined the Let's Move! Outside initiative in partnership with the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago to encourage more youth and families to explore the outdoors. Look for this icon to find opportunities to play, learn, work and serve on public lands this spring. Check out the Facebook page at facebook.com/LetsMoveOutsideChicago to follow events.



CONSERVATION@HOME

Through the Conservation@Home program, residents of Cook County are encouraged to adopt "Forest Preserves Friendly" practices while providing wildlife and native plant habitat in residential, school and workplace gardens.



Attend a Conservation@Home program to help you get your yard started. Look for Conservation@Home programs at several of our Nature Centers. And visit fpdcc.com/conservationathome for more information.



Coordinated in partnership with University of Illinois Extension, Conservation@Home is a program of The Conservation Foundation. The Forest Preserves of Cook County is pleased to be a partner.

NATURE CAT

Adventurers, look for the Nature Cat logo on pages 4 and 19 to find events where you can meet Nature Cat! Participate in some of his favorite activities and discover new sites to explore. Visit any of our Nature Centers or special events to get your Tracking Nature Cat in the Forest Preserves of Cook County kit. pbskids.org/naturecat • fpdcc.com/nature-cat



#birdthepreserves

Look for this icon throughout the brochure to find birding events taking place all over the Forest Preserves. All Nature Centers are participating in The Big Sit on various Saturdays in May. Visit fpdcc.com/birding for more info.



Support for this project was generously provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through Chicago Wilderness with additional funding from the Forest Preserve Foundation.

Crabtree

NATURE CENTER

Save The Date - Explore the Forest: 100 Years and Growing!
Celebrate the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Climb a tree, touch a fish, check out the restoration equipment, pitch a tent, or try archery. Come and meet Nature Cat at this Leave No Child Inside Event.
Sunday, June 4 • Noon - 4pm



THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Explore Nature Play
Build forts and climb a spider web as you explore Crabtree's 3-acre nature play area. Open Every Day



Timberdoodle Treks
Start inside with a short intro then take a walk to observe the male woodcock spiraling upward in the darkening sky then tumbling down.
Fridays, March 17 & 24 • 6:30 pm;
April 7 • 7 pm

Wee Wanderer Wednesdays
Join us for a special program for children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Space is limited to 16 children; free tickets available on a first come, first served basis starting at 9:30 am.
Wednesdays, March 1 & 15;
April 5 & 19 • 10 am

Bird Walks
Join the Barrington Natural History Society to look for spring migrants. Meet in the parking lot.
Thursdays, April 20 & 27;
May 4 & 11 • 8 am

ART IN NATURE SERIES

Ages teens & up, unless noted. Registration required.

Open Studio
Bring your own materials or use our water color, acrylic or oil paint to create a piece of artwork. Create with others at this studio facilitated by artist Carol Foster.
Sunday, March 26 • 1 pm

MARCH

Sun Gazing
Learn about our nearest star, then take a look with our filtered telescope.
Sunday, March 5 • 1 pm

Crane Moon
March was known as the Crane Moon by the Native Americans in this area. Come learn about Crabtree's largest nesting bird and its amazing migratory journeys.
Sunday, March 12 • 1 pm

Bugsicles
As spring arrives, so do the bugs. Find out where the bugs were hiding for the winter.
Sunday, March 19 • 1 pm

Spring Symphony
Learn what all the singing is about and identify some common tunes of the local bird and frog choruses out on the trail.
Saturday, March 25 • 1 pm

Spring Break Camp: Creative Exploration
Explore nature and be inspired to create your own unique artwork. 7-10 years old; \$10/child. Registration required.
Wednesday & Thursday, March 29 & 30 • 9:30 am - Noon

Beginning Oils
Let artist Bob Nielsen show you how to get started with oil painting.
Saturday, April 15 • 1 pm

Beginning Plein Air Workshop
Try painting outside with instruction by artist Kathy Clouse. Adults only, bring your own equipment.
Saturday, May 13 • 8:30 am

APRIL

April 1 - Registration Opens for Summer Camps
Visit fpdcc.com/events/category/day-camp or call for more information.

Poisson D'avril
In France, April Fool's Day is called Poisson D'avril, or "fish of April." Learn about the fish that call the waterways of Cook County home, and some of the animals that depend upon them.
Sunday, April 2 • 1 pm

Prime Real Estate
See why and how we provide cavity nesting birds with accommodations, then stay to see the tree swallows compete.
Sunday, April 9 • 1 pm

Animal Babies
Come get your daily dose of cuteness and learn all about the spring baby arrivals in our area.
Sunday, April 16 • 1 pm

Earth Day, Nature Play
Catch, craft, climb. Special Earth Day family activities in our 3-acre nature play area.
Saturday, April 22 • Noon - 3 pm

Conservation@Home: Easy Care Natives
Learn how to landscape using easy-care native plants that support pollinators. Presented by U of I Extension Master Gardeners. Adults only. Registration required.
Sunday, April 23 • 1 pm

Amazing Eggs
Share egg-cellent discoveries about animals that hatch from eggs and what features make eggs so amazing.
Sunday, April 30 • 1 pm



Crabtree Nature Center • 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills • 847-381-6592

Hours (March - October)
Building: 9 am - 5 pm, closed Fridays • Grounds: 8 am - 5 pm daily

MAY

International Migratory Bird Day and #birdthepreserves Big Sit
Join us for a bird walk or sit to see who is winging in. Crafts available along with our Migration Obstacle Course.
Saturday, May 6 • 6 am - Noon

Springtime Slitherers
Come learn about local snakes and their busy spring activities.
Sunday, May 7 • 1 pm

Flower Stories
Go for a walk and listen to the stories behind our spring wildflowers.
Sunday, May 14 • 1 pm

Conservation@Home: Building a Bird Garden
University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists will share their experience of designing, planting and caring for two gardens built for the birds. Registration required.
Saturday, May 20 • 1 - 3 pm

Garlic Mustard Pull
Help us improve the quality of our woodlands by removing this invasive species to give native plants space to flourish. Adults and children 7 & up. Sturdy shoes, gloves, long sleeves and long pants recommended.
Sunday, May 21 • 1 pm

Amphibian Adventure
Take a wetland night hike to search for our resident amphibians and discover what adaptations make these creatures unique. Registration required.
Friday, May 26 • 7:30 pm

Pollinator Super Powers
Pollinators provide us with lots of little luxuries in life. Learn what makes them so super.
Sunday, May 28 • 1 pm

Spring Ramble
Join a naturalist for an afternoon spring walk on our 1.4-mile trail.
Monday, May 29 • 1 pm



Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center

THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Mornings with Mother Nature
Children 3-4 years old and their favorite adult are invited to spend their Wednesday mornings exploring and learning through play. *Registration required. \$50 registration includes all Wednesdays in the month. Limit 15.*
Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 9:30 am - 11:30 am



S.E.N.I.O.R.S.
Are you a senior who wants to stay active and remain a lifelong learner? Nature will inspire a different activity each week. *Registration required. Seniors only.*
Thursdays, March 9; April 6; May 11 • 10 - 11 am

R.I.P. Workday
Assist us with Removing Invasive Plants. Individuals and families welcome. *Not suitable for ages 9 yrs. and younger. Participants 10-14 yrs. old must be accompanied by an adult.*
Saturdays, March 11; April 8; May 13 • 10 am - Noon

Animal Afternoons
Many animals call the Nature Center home. Meet one of these animals during a casual afternoon encounter.
Sundays, March 5; April 2; May 7 • 1:30 pm

Morning Bird Walks
Take an early morning walk through various habitats in search of birds making their way north. Bring binoculars if you have them.
Saturdays, April 29; May 6; May 13 • 7 - 8:30 am



Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center
9800 Willow Springs Rd, Willow Springs
708-839-6897

Hours (March - October)
Building: 9 am - 5 pm, closed Fridays
Grounds: 8 am - 5 pm daily

MARCH

Art in Your Garden
Hypertufa will be our medium to create unique pieces of art for your garden. *Registration required. Adults only. Limit 15. \$10/person.*
Saturday, March 4 • 10 am - Noon

Animal Movement to Music
Music will inspire children to mimic the movements of different animals. Indoor/outdoor program. *Registration required. Ages 5 and up. Limit 15.*
Saturday, March 18 • 1:30 pm

APRIL

April 1 - Registration Opens for Summer Camps
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Frights and Fears: Ophidiophobia
Overcome your snake phobia! Take the first step by developing a healthy understanding of these misunderstood animals. An up-close snake encounter opportunity will be included. *Registration required. Limit 25.*
Saturday, April 1 • 1:30 pm



Full Moon Frogs
Assist a naturalist as we monitor frog activity under the full moon. *Registration required. Ages 12 & up. Limit 15.*
Tuesday, April 11 • 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Earth Day Wildflower Hike
Check out the array of wildflowers as we walk the White Oak Trail. Hike will just exceed 1-mile in length. *Registration required. Family program. Limit 20.*
Saturday, April 22 • 1:30 pm

What's in the Animal Kitchen?
Come learn how we prep food for our animals, why we use dietary enrichment techniques, and which animals have feeding quirks. *Registration required. Limit 15.*
Sunday, April 30 • 1:30 pm

MAY

Full Moon Qigong
Under the full moon, we will awaken our life force (Qi) to the energies of the earth. Alice Kornblum, a certified Qigong instructor, will guide us on a mindful walk and then a moving meditation. *Registration required. Interested teens and adults. Limit 30.*
Tuesday, May 9 • 6:30 - 8 pm

Friday Night Frogs
Assist a naturalist as we monitor for our early season frogs. *Registration required. Ages 12 and above. Limit 15.*
Friday, May 19 • 8:15 - 9:45 pm



#birdthepreserves Big Sit
Birders of any experience level are invited to help record all of the birds seen or heard from a 17-foot stationary circle.
Saturday, May 20 • 6 am - Noon

Make it Rain!
Create your own homemade rain stick while we discuss the use of this Native American tool. Each family will create one to take home. Bring your own hammer. A few hammers will be available for loan if needed. *Registration required. Limit 10 families. \$2/family.*
Saturday, May 20 • 1:30 pm

Signs of Spring Scavenger Hunt
Search our Black Oak Trail for signs of spring. This leisurely, interpretive hike will include a scavenger hunt in search of "signs of spring". *Registration required. Limit 15.*
Sunday, May 21 • 1:30 pm

Spring Fungi Hike
Join us for a 1-mile hike as we discover the wealth of fungal fruiting bodies White Oak Trail has to offer. *Registration required. Adults only. Limit 10.*
Saturday, May 27 • 1:30 pm

Sand Ridge NATURE CENTER

THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Wee Wonders Series

Children in preschool and kindergarten are invited to their very own nature program. We'll explore a different subject each month.

Saturdays, March 4 (Hello, Deer!); April 1 (Spring Babies); May 6 (Duck, Duck, Goose) • 10 am

Live Healthy, Discover Nature! Hike

Join our monthly hiking club. One of our naturalists will lead a vigorous hike on our trails.

Saturdays, March 4; April 1; May 6 • 1:30 pm

Pioneer Living

Have you ever wondered what life was like 200 years ago? Visit our cabins and find out what the pioneers experienced.

Sundays, March 5; April 2; May 7 • 1:30 pm

Sand Ridge 101

What can you see and do at Sand Ridge Nature Center? Join us on a guided tour that includes a live animal presentation and cabin tour.

Sundays, March 19; April 23; May 21 • 1:30 pm

Tuesday Mornings are for the Birds
Bring your binoculars and enjoy the spring migration.

We'll visit Sand Ridge's best birding spots and check out some colorful warblers.

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9 • 8 am



MARCH



Conservation@Home: Easy Care Natives

Join University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners for a program on incorporating native plants in your home landscape to provide habitat for native pollinators and wildlife.



Photo Meet Up

Enjoy a naturalist-led walk to view and photograph scenic vistas, interesting plants and wildlife. *For all photographer levels and camera types.*

Saturday, March 11 • 10 am

The Wonder of Salamanders

Learn about salamanders with an interactive presentation including a live salamander. *Ages 12 & up.*

Saturday, March 11 • 1:30 pm



Powerwalk the Greenway!

Get out and get active with a naturalist by exploring remnant prairies and savannas along the Burnham Greenway Trail. *Meet outside the Green Lake Aquatic Center, 1100 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City.*

Saturday, March 18 • 1:30 pm

Vernal Pools

Join us as we learn about vernal pools and why they are important to the survival of many species. An indoor presentation will conclude with a 1-mile hike.

Saturday, March 25 • 1:30 pm

Sand Ridge Nature Center
15891 Paxton, South Holland
708-868-0606

Hours (March - October)
Building: 9 am - 5 pm, *closed Fridays*
Grounds: 8 am - 5 pm daily

APRIL

April 1 - Registration Opens for Summer Camps
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Conquer Your Fears!

Learn about some commonly misunderstood animals including snakes and toads and why they are not scary after all. Program includes live animals and a short hike.

Saturday, April 8 • 1:30 pm

Spring Nature Camp

Join us for a three-day mini-camp where we will explore the wonders of nature in spring! *Ages 7-10. Fee: \$15/child. Register by 4/4.*

Tuesday-Thursday, April 11-13 • 9:30 am - Noon

Thorn Creek Exploration

Follow part of the course of one of the largest streams in the southern portion of Cook County as we hike the Thorn Creek Trail. Length of hike: 4-5 miles. *Meet at the Sweet Woods parking lot at 183rd and Cottage Grove in Glenwood.*

Saturday, April 15 • 1:30 pm

EARTH DAY Don't Miss

Join us for a day set aside as a reminder to be good stewards of our planet every day. Activities include hikes, puppet shows, a craft and Earth Day Jeopardy!

Saturday, April 22 • 10 am - 3 pm



The Astronomer's Night Sky

View the planets through a telescope, clear skies permitting. In the event of poor skies, an astronomy lecture and slide show will be presented. *Register by 4/26.*

Friday, April 28 • 7:30 pm

Spring Wildflower Walk

Join us as we take a walk to observe and learn about some of our blooming native ephemeral wildflowers.

Saturday, April 29 • 1:30 pm

MAY



Conservation@Home: Container Gardening

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners will show you how to garden in small spaces by planting containers with pollinator-supporting plants.



Dusk Bird Hike

Join us as we go on a sunset walk to see what birds we may find at day's close. Space is limited. *Register by 5/10.*

Friday, May 12 • 7 - 8:30 pm



#birdthepreserves Big Sit

Join Forest Preserves staff to observe as many bird species as possible when viewed from a fixed location within a 17-foot circle.

Saturday, May 13 • 6 am - Noon



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 5/11.*

Saturday, May 13 • 10 am

Mother's Day Hike

Begin your day with a naturalist-guided walk to spy some spring wildflowers and migrating birds. Bring Mom and the family. We have binoculars to loan.

Sunday, May 14 • 9 am

Frog Frenzy!

It's pond dip time at Sand Ridge. Come prepared to wade in the pond and dip one of our nets. *Register by 5/18.*

Saturday, May 20 • 1:30 pm

Frog Calls

We will learn about frogs and how to identify different species by their calls. *Space is limited. Register by 5/24.*

Friday, May 26 • 8 - 9:30 pm

Wetlands of Sand Ridge

Join us for an hour-long hike around Sand Ridge to investigate three distinct wetlands: marsh, swamp and ephemeral/vernal.

Sunday, May 27 • 1:30 pm

TRAILSIDE

Museum of Natural History

THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Fragile Beauty - Wildflowers Painting Exhibit

Enjoy a display of detailed paintings of local orchids and other wildflowers by artist Kathleen Garness. Everyday.

Birdhouse Building Contest

Build a creative, functional birdhouse. We'll hang it up at Trailside where visitors will vote on their favorite. More info on fpdcc.com. Entries accepted March 1 - May 1

Nature Story Times

Nature-inspired stories, followed by a craft and snack. *For children ages 3-6 w/adult.* Thursdays, March 2 & 16; April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18 • 10:30 am

"Bone" Appétit

Join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside's outdoor resident animals. *Family program.* Sundays, March 5; April 2; May 21; Monday, May 29 • 1 pm

Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam

Join us on the second Sunday of every month for Trailside's bluegrass jam. Make a simple instrument or bring your basses, fiddles, mandolins, guitars and banjos. All are welcome to join the jam or just listen. *Held indoors if it rains. Family program.* Sundays, March 12; April 9 • 1 pm (Thatcher Pavilion) Sunday, May 14 • 1 pm (Trailside)

Morning Bird Walks

Enjoy a casual guided walk to look for birds. All levels welcome. *No groups, please.* Saturdays, March 25; April 1; Fridays, April 7, 21; May 5, 19 • 9:30 am

MARCH

ONE EARTH FILM FESTIVAL



Join us for a free showing of the Emmy Award winning Forest Preserves of Cook County film "Chicago's True Nature" at Thatcher Pavilion, 8030 Chicago Ave. Meet some of our featured animals afterwards. For festival details, visit onearthfilmfest.org. Saturday, March 11 • 11 am

Pi Day Drop-In

Celebrate circles, circumferences and all things round in nature. We will have fun STEM activity stations, and all participants will enjoy a free piece of pie, too. *Family drop-in program.* Tuesday, March 14 • 3 - 4:30 pm

Tracks in Mud

We'll seek out muddy areas and learn how to identify animal tracks. *Family program.* Sunday, March 19 • 1 pm

Keeping it Simple: Bird Drawing Basics Workshop

An introduction to drawing birds using simple shapes, form and flow. Taught by artist Joe Feliciano: horsepuppy.carbonmade.com. *For adults. All art materials supplied. Register by 3/16.* Saturday, March 18 • 1 pm

Go Fly a Kite Workshop

Learn about the spring wind and weather, then we'll harness the wind's energy by making and flying kites. *Ages 6-12 w/adult. \$5 materials fee/child. Register by 3/24.* Sunday, March 26 • 1 pm

Trailside Museum of Natural History
738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest • 708-366-6530

Hours (March - October)

Building: 9 am - 5 pm, closed Fridays; Grounds: 8 am - 5 pm daily

APRIL

April 1 - Registration Opens for Summer Camp
Visit fpdcc.com/events/category/day-camp or call for more information.

Urban Oak Ecosystem Mapping

Learn how to photograph, geo code, and make ecological observations of oak trees using your smart phone. *For adults and teens.* Saturday, April 8 • 1 pm



Conservation@Home:

Building a Bird Garden
University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists will share their experience of designing, planting and caring for two gardens built for the birds. Register at tinyurl.com/uie-birdgarden

Spring Nature Hikes

Enjoy a guided spring nature hike on our trails. *Family program.* Sundays, April 16, 30 • 1 pm

Singing Frogs

We'll learn about our local frogs and identify them by their calls. *For adults and older children.* Sunday, April 23 • 1 pm

Giant Bird Art Workshops

Make "giant birds" paintings with artist Liita Forsyth for display at Trailside. *Adults and children welcome.* Saturdays, April 22, 29 • 1 - 3 pm



Wildflower Walk

Join us for a guided walk to learn about the life and lore of our local spring wildflowers. *For adults and teens.* Friday, April 28 • 10 am



MAY

SPRING FESTIVAL AT TRAILSIDE



Celebrate spring with a day of activities for all ages, including animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, dip netting, seed planting, building a bird house to take home, and much more. Sunday, May 7 • 10 am - 3 pm



#birdthepreserves Big Sit
Stop by anytime to see how many birds we can spot or hear without leaving a

17-foot circle. Binoculars provided. Drop-in family activity. Saturday, May 13 • 6 am - Noon

Photo Meet-Up at Wolf Road Prairie Hike and explore Wolf Road Prairie, and take photos of the stunning wildflowers and scenic vistas. All levels of photography expertise and camera types welcome. *Meet at 31st St, west of Wolf Road in Westchester.* Sunday, May 14 • 10 am

Trailside History Hike

A long guided hike to learn about the history of Trailside Museum and Thatcher Woods. Visit Native American sites, an abandoned village and more. *Adults and children 12 & up. Register by 5/19.* Saturday, May 20 • 1 - 3 pm

Sketch-booking and Journaling Along the Trails

An introductory class on the materials and techniques for quickly sketching birds and other wildlife on hikes. Taught by artist Joe Feliciano: instagram.com/thehorsepuppy/. *For adults and teens. All art materials supplied. Register by 5/25.* Saturday, May 27 • 1 - 3 pm

Chicago Audubon Society Bemis Woods Field Trip, Grove 7, Bemis Woods South, 1100 Ogden Ave, Western Springs
Wintering birds, early migrants. Douglas Stotz (dfstotz@gmail.com)
Updates: chicagoaudubon.org.
Wednesday, March 15 • 8 am

Fort Dearborn Chapter, Illinois Audubon Society Birding Trip to Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 Paxton Ave, South Holland
Meet at Nature Center. Looking for spring migrants. Additional information: fortdearbornaudubon.org.
Saturday, March 18 • 9 am

APRIL

Chicago Ornithological Society Palos Park Woods Waterfowl Trip
McGinnis Slough, 13800 S. LaGrange Road, Orland Park
Returning waterfowl. Beginners welcome, binoculars available.
Updates: chicagobirder.org.
Saturday, April 8 • 8 am

Orland Grassland Earth Day Celebration: Family-friendly Bird Walk
9799 W 167th St, Orland Park
Please visit our website for details: orlandgrassland.org.
Saturday, April 22 • 9 am

Chicago Ornithological Society Miller Meadow Birding Trip
Grove 7, Miller Meadow West, 2199 S 1st Ave, Maywood
Early migrants, including snipe and pipits. Beginners welcome, binoculars available. Updates: chicagobirder.org.
Saturday, April 15 • 7:30 am

Chicago Ornithological Society Orland Grasslands Birding Trip
9799 W 167th St, Orland Park
Returning grassland birds. Updates: chicagobirder.org.
Saturday, April 29 • 7:30 am

Chicago Audubon Society Bemis Woods North Field Trip, Grove 1, Wolf Rd between 31st & Ogden, Westchester
Sparrows, early warblers. Leader: Douglas Stotz (dfstotz@gmail.com).
Updates: chicagoaudubon.org.
Wednesday, April 19 • 8 am

Lake Cook Audubon Orland Grassland South Birding Trip
104th Ave & W 179th St, Orland Park
Longspurs, shorebirds. Leader: Wes Serafin. Updates: lakecookaudubon.org.
Saturday, April 29 • 7:30 am



THROUGHOUT THE SPRING

Chicago Ornithological Society LaBagh Woods Birding Trips
Muddy. Beginners welcome, binoculars available. Updates: chicagobirder.org

Chicago Audubon Society Camp Pine Woods Field Trip, Grove 1, E Central Rd, Glenview
Explore this "underbirded" preserve. Riparian woodlands, shrublands. Updates: chicagoaudubon.org.
Sunday, April 9 • 7:30 am
Thursday, May 11 • 7:30 am

Irene C. Hernandez Family Picnic Grove, 4500 W Foster Ave, Chicago
Saturday, March 4 • 7:30 am
Sunday, April 2 • 7:30 am
Optional restoration work afterward.
Saturday, April 22 • 7:30 am
Optional restoration work afterward.

Bunker Hill Spring Migration Bird Walks, Grove 1, 6800 N Caldwell, Chicago
RSVP: Tom Lally, tlally98@yahoo.com.
Binoculars are available to borrow.
Sundays, April 30; May 7, 21 • 7:30 am

Grove 1, LaBagh Woods, Cicero
north of Foster, Chicago
Saturday, May 20 • 7 am
Bird walk before the IMBD event.

MAY

Oak Park Bird Walk at Thatcher Woods, Grove 1, 738 Thatcher Ave, River Forest
Warblers and other spring migrants. Reservations required: trumpetswan@comcast.net.
Wednesday, May 3 • 7 am

Chicago Ornithological Society Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve Birding Trip, E 139th St & S Manistee Ave, Burnham
Shorebirds, waders. Meet at lot. Beginners welcome, binoculars available. Updates: chicagobirder.org.
Wear waterproof footwear.
Sunday, May 21 • 7:30 am

Lake Cook Audubon Skokie Lagoons Birding Trip, Erickson Woods Parking Lot, 1651 Willow Rd, Winnetka
Early landbird migrants. Leader: Maureen Marsh. Updates: lakecookaudubon.org.
Thursday, May 4 • 7 am

Oak Park Bird Walk at Miller Meadow — North, Grove 3, 8300-8374 W Roosevelt Rd, Forest Park
Grassland birds, woodland migrants. Reservations required: trumpetswan@comcast.net.
Sunday, May 21 • 8 am

Chicago Ornithological Society McLaughrey Springs Birding Trip
11700 Kean Ave, Palos Park
Peak time for warblers, other migrants. Beginners welcome, binoculars available. Updates: chicagobirder.org.
Saturday, May 13 • 7:30 am

Field Museum Birds Eggers Grove Birding Trip, Grove 2, 11201 S Ave B, Chicago
Warblers, other migrants. Meet at caretaker's building in parking lot. Updates: fieldmuseum.org/at-the-field/programs/birding-field.
Tuesday, May 23 • 7:30 am

Chicago Audubon Society Bemis Woods North Field Trip, Grove 1, Wolf Rd between 31st & Ogden, Westchester
Migrant songbirds, woodland birds. Leader: Douglas Stotz (dfstotz@gmail.com). Updates: chicagoaudubon.org.
Wednesday, May 17 • 8 am

Chicago Ornithological Society Whistler Woods and Kickapoo Forest Preserve Birding Trip, Grove 2, 735 W 134th St, Riverdale
Explore these "underbirded" forest preserves. Start at Whistler Woods. Beginners welcome, binoculars available. Updates: chicagobirder.org.
Saturday, May 27 • 7:30 am

Chicago Audubon Society Skokie Lagoons Third Tuesday Birding Trips
Erickson Woods Parking Lot, 1651 Willow Rd, Winnetka
Updates: chicagoaudubon.org.
Tuesday, March 21 • 7 am
Lingering winter birds and the front-runners of spring migration.

Evanston North Shore Bird Club Thursdays in May Perkins Woods Bird Walks, 2799 Grant St, Evanston
Warblers, spring wildflowers. Street parking. Meet: corner of Bennett & Grant. Updates: ensbc.org/trips.html.

Tuesday, April 18 • 7 am
Early sparrows, kinglets and warblers.
Tuesday, May 16 • 7 am
The height of migration.

Thursday, May 4 • 7:30 am
Leader: Wayne Svoboda

Thursday, May 11 • 7:30 am
Leader: John Bates

Thursday, May 18 • 7:30 am
Leader: Libby Hill

Barrington Area Bird Walks
Please check citizensforconservation.org or greatlakes.audubon.org for walk dates beginning mid-March.

Support for this project was generously provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through Chicago Wilderness with a additional funding from the Forest Preserve Foundation.





Don't you sometimes just want to escape? Explore the natural beauty of Cook County for an hour, a day or even a night. When you're surrounded by 70,000 acres of wild and wonderful there's no better place to feel free.

Toni Preckwinkle, President

Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners

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