Outdoor Recreation

Conservation Kids, Activities in a Box  Just for Kids, Ages 8–12
Pickup your weekly kit and join us online every weekday at 10:00 a.m. for one week to learn about fun things you can see and do based on the theme of the week. Each kit contains the materials needed for several hands-on activities to do throughout the week. Be prepared to head outside—your backyard or ours—for self-guided adventures! Kits can be picked up at Lost Valley Visitor Center or Prairieview Education Center the week before each program.

Fee: R $25/NR $30 – 1st child; R $20/NR $25 – each additional child in the same household and registered at the same time.

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Family Canoe Trip  Adults and Families, Ages 5+
Thursday, July 2, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Keystone Road Landing, Richmond
Fee: R $15.00/NR $20.00  Code: 6591

Spend a day in the wilds of McHenry County as we paddle seven miles of Nippersink Creek completely within the undeveloped areas of Glacial Park. Meet at Keystone Landing to learn basic paddling techniques, canoe safety, and river canoeing. The trip includes a stop for a primitive picnic so bring a sack lunch and plenty of water to drink. Wear shoes that can get wet and fully secure to your feet. Don’t forget sunscreen!

Family Kayak Trips  Adults and Families, Ages 8+
Spend a day in the wilds of McHenry County as we paddle seven miles of Nippersink Creek completely within the undeveloped areas of Glacial Park. Meet at Keystone Landing to learn basic paddling techniques, kayak safety, and river kayaking. The trip includes a stop for a primitive picnic so bring a sack lunch and plenty of water to drink. Wear shoes that can get wet and fully secure to your feet. Don’t forget sunscreen! Be aware there are no restroom facilities along the creek. Due to the popularity of our kayak programs we ask that you register for one program only for the summer season.

Trip 1: Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Keystone Road Landing, Richmond

Single Kayak Fee: R $15.00/NR $20.00 Code: 6652
Tandem Kayak Fee: R $15.00/NR $20.00 Code: 6651

Trip 2: Sunday, August 9, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Keystone Road Landing, Richmond

Single Kayak Fee: R $15.00/NR $20.00 Code: 6604
Tandem Kayak Fee: R $15.00/NR $20.00 Code: 6605

Yoga Solstice Celebration  Ages 14+
Saturday, June 20, 7–8:30 p.m.
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Patio, Glacial Park, Ringwood
Fee: R $5.00/NR $7.00  Code: 6589

Celebrate the start of summer and the longest day of the year with us! A yoga instructor will lead a series of movements that focus on reflection, breathing work, and yoga principles as we watch the sun set on beautiful Glacial Park. Be sure to bring your own yoga mat with you!

Family Fishing Fun  Adults and Families
Saturday, July 18, 7–9 p.m.
The Hollows Lake Atwood Shelter, Cary
Fee: R $5.00/NR $7.00  Code: 6583

Enjoy the sunset casting for and reeling in fish at beautiful Lake Atwood. Bait and tackle are provided. Fishing poles are available to borrow on a first come, first served basis. Please note this with your registration. Participants age 16 and older must possess a valid Illinois fishing license.

Rescheduled!!

GLACIAL PARK TEAM CHALLENGE

Non-Competitive Recreational Triathlon
14 mile Bike – 5 mile Hike/Run – 7 mile Paddle
Saturday, June 26 • 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m. • North Branch, Richmond

Single Kayak Fee: R $70.00/NR $85.00 Code: 6473
Tandem Canoe Fee: R $50.00/NR $63.00 Code: 6474
Tandem Kayak Fee: R $50.00/NR $63.00 Code: 6475

Ages 14+  Registration Deadline: June 19 (No refunds after 6/19)

Grab a friend or two for this non-competitive biking, paddling, and off-trail hiking adventure. This recreational triathlon starts at the North Branch Conservation Area with a light breakfast and a lesson on the ecosystems you’ll venture through during the event. Provide your own bicycle, but all canoe or kayak equipment provided. Refreshment and snack stands may be available along the course and at the end. Participants receive a Glacial Park Challenge t-shirt to remember this momentous day. An information packet with additional details will be available after registration.

Teams must be a minimum of two; each person must register. Note: There are multiple listings of this program with different water craft options for the paddling section. Be sure you and your teammates are registering under the listing for the water craft you prefer.

See SPECIAL NOTE below regarding Kayak & Canoe Programs.

SPECIAL NOTE @ Kayak & Canoe Programs: Be aware there are no restroom facilities along the creek. Due to social distancing regulations, we will not be able to shuttle participants between the landings. You will either need two vehicles, or a ride from a family member.
Nighttime Adventures

**Constellations from the Kames**  *Ages 14+*

**Friday, June 26, 6–10 p.m.**
Glacial Park, Keystone Road Landing, Richmond  
Fee: R Free/ NR $2.00  
Code: 6635

Take advantage of this rare opportunity to be on Glacial Park kames after sunset! We will meet at the Keystone Landing and hike up to the top of the kames for a night of stargazing. Listen to some historical star folklore and learn how to identify some of the major constellations in our night sky. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

**Howl at the Moon**  *Adults and Families*

**Friday, July 31, 8–9:30 p.m.**
Marengo Ridge, Shelter #2, Marengo  
Fee: R $2.00/NR $5.00  
Code: 6654

Explore Marengo Ridge at night with (or without) your favorite furry friend! Take a self-guided night hike along a 1.25 mile loop. Leashed dogs are invited but not required to enjoy this event. Please leave your flashlights at home and let the moon guide the way.

**Fantastic Fireflies**  *Adults and Families*

**Sunday, July 12, 8:30–10 p.m.**
Prairieview Education Center, Room 220, Crystal Lake  
Fee: R Free/NR $2.00  
Code: 6653

Join us after dark for a spectacular display of our natural “fireworks”—fireflies! Learn about the firefly life cycle just before the prairie and woods light up. Enjoy a night hike as our firefly friends light the way. Bring a blanket and wear long pants and long sleeves instead of insect repellent. Leave your flashlights at home and let the moon and fireflies light the way.

**Bats!**  *Adults and Families, Ages 5+*

**Tuesday, July 14, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Savanna Room, Glacial Park, Ringwood  
Fee: R $5.00/NR $7.00  
Code: 6603

Join us for a fun evening learning about bats, finishing with a sunset hike through Glacial Park in search of bats. Dress for the weather and leave the flashlights at home.

**A Night with Nature**  *Adults and Families, Ages 7+

**Friday, July 17, 8:30–10 p.m.**
The Hollows, Picnic Grove #2, Cary  
Fee: R Free/NR $2.00  
Code: 6597

Join us for a unique opportunity to be in one of our sites after sunset! We’ll explore the night and compare our senses with those of nocturnal wildlife. Be sure to dress for the weather and leave the flashlights at home.

**Dragonflies and Damselflies**  *Adults and Families*

**Thursday, July 23, 7–8:30 p.m.**
Pleasant Valley, Shelter #1, Woodstock  
Fee: R Free/NR $2.00  
Code: 6601

Learn about the life cycles of these marvelous winged wonders and set out to find, catch, examine, and release both adult insects and their nymphs. Dress to explore both the prairie and the pond!

**Luminary Bike Ride**  *Adults and Families*

**Friday, August 7, 8–10 p.m.**
Fel-Pro RRR, Main Entrance, Cary  
Fee: R $5.00/NR $7.00  
Code: 6668

Let luminaries light your way as you cycle this moderately hilly paved loop, less than one mile long. Ride the trail once or enjoy several laps with candlelight and glorious colors of sunset illuminating your path, and sounds of nature at night entertaining your ears. Don’t forget your helmet and a water bottle.

**Nippersink at Night Kayak Trip**  *Ages 14+

**Saturday, August 1, 7–11 p.m.**
Keystone Road Landing, Richmond  
Fee: R $20.00/NR $25.00  
Code: 6607  
Tandem Kayak: R $15.00/NR $18.00  
Code: 6606

Have you ever considered paddling at night? When the moon is full and conditions are right there can be more than enough light to navigate the appropriate river or creek. Join us for an illuminated night paddle 7 miles down the Nippersink Creek from Keystone Landing to Pioneer Landing. Paddling on moving water during low light conditions requires an experienced kayaker; this program is not for beginners. *Please note this program is subject to cancellation due to weather, water level, or lack of moonlight due to overcast conditions and that there are no restroom facilities along the creek. Select a single or tandem kayak, making sure that your partner in a tandem also registers for the program.*

**Meteor Showers and Summer Constellations**  *Adults and Families*

**Tuesday, August 11, 8:30–10 p.m.**
Marengo Ridge, Shelter #2, Marengo  
Fee: R Free/NR $5.00  
Code: 6609

Have you ever seen a meteor shower? Would you like to learn more about what meteor showers are, when they occur, and how to increase your chance of seeing one? This is a good time of the year for watching one of the most well-known meteor showers, the Perseids. Relax under the summer night sky while we wait and watch for meteors. Listen to the stories of heroes such as Hercules and Perseus whose constellations can be seen along with other characters in their adventures. Although the best time of day for seeing the greatest number of meteors is in the early morning hours, we may still observe the occasional meteor. Come prepared to be outside for the entire evening and bring a lawn chair or blanket.

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**Change of plans?** Contact Prairieview Education Center at (815) 479-5779 to allow registrants on the waiting lists to be contacted. Unless otherwise noted, an advance notice of five business days is required to receive a refund.

Youth 13 & under must be accompanied by an adult. All participants need to pre-register. Register online at MCCDistrict.org.