

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Live Music on the 4ths: Kraig Kenning 7-8:30pm, Glacial Park, p. 12	5 Family Fall Kayak Trip, p. 19 9 am–3 pm, Keystone Road Landing, Glacial Park Roving Naturalist, p. 16 10am–12pm, Dufield Pond– South
6	LABOR DAY 7 District offices closed.	8 Migratory Madness Evening, p. 12 5:30–8 pm, Glacial Park	9	10 Grateful Yoga, p. 19 5:45–6:45 pm, Pleasant Valley	11	12 Roving Naturalist, p. 16 10am–12pm, Coral Woods STEEM Explorations in Nature, p. 20 1–4 pm, Prairieview Family Campout, p. 19 3 pm–10 am, The Hollows
13 Morning Yoga & Nature Hike, p. 19 9–10:30 am Lake in the Hills Fen	14	15	16	17	18	19 Migratory Madness Morning, p. 12 8–10:30 am, Glacial Park Roving Naturalist, p. 16 10am–12pm, Beck's Woods Critter Crawl, p. 20 1–3 pm, Coral Woods
20 Archaeology Awareness Noon–4 pm, Powers Walker House, Glacial Park, p. 15	21 Autumn Wildflowers on the Move, p. 18 5:30–7 pm Kishwaukee Headwaters	22	23	24	25	26 Create Your Own Adventure, p. 16 10–11:30 am, Pleasant Valley Roving Naturalist, p. 16 10am–12pm, North Branch A Sweet Ride, p. 19 2–4 pm, Glacial Park
27	28 Discovery Days: Camouflage, p. 20 10–11 am, Winding Creek	29	30			



Celebrate **OAK**tober

OAKtober Planting Party! at the Big Woods

Saturday, October 17, 1–4 p.m. FREE. Marengo Ridge, Marengo Page 14.

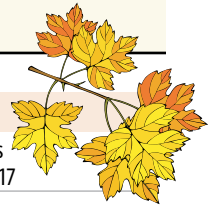
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				1	2 Full Moon Hike, p. 18 8–9:30 pm, Pleasant Valley	3 Weekend of Restoration— Fire, the Great Transformer, p. 13 8 am–5 pm, Glacial Park Fall Bike Ride & Progressive Dinner, 4–7 pm, Glacial Park, p. 19 Roving Naturalist, p. 16 10am–12pm, Boone Creek
4 Live Music on the 4ths: Lucky Pickers 1-2:30pm, Glacial Park, p. 12	5	6	7 Discovery Days: Turtles, p. 20 10–11:30 am, Hickory Grove	8	9 Craft Brew Crawl, p. 13 6:30–8:30 pm, Glacial Park	10 Roving Naturalist, p. 16 10am–12pm, Hickory Grove Fall Color Hike & Candle Luminary Craft, p. 21 1–3 pm, Coral Woods VIP Sandhill Crane Experience, p. 12 6–8:30 pm, Glacial Park
11 The Big Sit, 7am–5pm, Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park, p. 12 Owl Walk, p. 18 5–7 pm, Glacial Park	12 Geocaching, p. 20 10–11:30 am, Pleasant Valley Fallen Log Nature Hunt, p. 20 1:30–3 pm, Harrison Benwell	13	14 Twilight at the Farmhouse, 6–8:00 pm, Powers Walker House, Glacial Park, p. 15	15	16	17 Fall Kayak Trip, 9 am–3 pm, p. 19 Keystone Rd Landing, Glacial Park OAKtober Planting Party! 1–4 pm, Marengo Ridge, p. 14 Sensory Night Hike, p. 18 7–9 pm, Rush Creek
18 Hike and Learn: Hibernation, p. 18 2–3:30 pm, Rush Creek Who Lives in These Woods?, p. 20 1–2:30 pm, Coral Woods	19	20	21	22	23	24 Roving Naturalist, p. 16 10am–12pm, LITH Fen Stoked About Oaks Family Day!, p. 14 1–3 pm, Glacial Park
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Roving Naturalist, p. 16 10am–12pm, Pleasant Valley

NOVEMBER



		LIVING HISTORY EVENTS		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Sept. 20, Oct. 14, Nov. 8		5	6	7
		Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park				<i>Roving Naturalist, p. 16</i> 10am–12pm, Marengo Ridge <i>Fort Building Fun, p. 20</i> 1–3 pm, Rush Creek <i>Inspired by Nature: Cozy Fall Crafts</i> 1–3 pm, Glacial Park, p. 21 <i>Movie Watch Party: "Green Fire",</i> 7–9 pm, Prairieview, p. 13
		Details on page 15.				
8	9	10	VETERANS DAY 11	12	13	14
Harvest Time in 1858 Noon–4 pm, Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park, p. 15		<i>Discovery Days: Fur, p. 20</i> 10–11 am, Coral Woods	District offices closed.		<i>Nocturnal Discovery Walk, p. 18</i> 7–8:30 pm, Prairieview	<i>Roving Naturalist, p. 16</i> 10am–12pm, Boger Bog <i>Eeew, Gross!, p. 20</i> 10–11:30 am, Prairieview Sites Seldom Seen: <i>School Springs, p. 13</i> 1:30–3 pm, Glacial Park
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>Make Your Own Paper, p. 21</i> 1:30–3 pm, Glacial Park <i>Tracking Trails, p. 20</i> 2–3:30 pm, Boger Bog				<i>Photography and Prose, p. 21</i> 7–8 pm, Glacial Park		<i>Roving Naturalist, p. 16</i> 10am–12pm, Harrison Benwell
22	23	24	25	THANKSGIVING DAY 26	27	28
<i>Natural Wreath Making, p. 21</i> 3–4:30 pm, Prairieview				District offices closed.	District offices closed.	<i>Roving Naturalist, p. 16</i> 10am–12pm, The Hollows
29	30					

🕒 Hunting – seasonal site closures to ensure maximum safety for our visitors.



County Line Road Access, Marengo	October 1 trails closed, parking lot remains open for canoe launch access and may close as weather conditions dictate; site reopens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 17
Marengo Ridge/Kelly Hertel Nature Trail, Silver Creek/East Trail Loop South of Behan Rd.*	Oct. 1–Jan. 17 *Open for fishing except Oct. 2–4, Oct. 30–Nov. 1, Nov. 6–8.
Community Research Forest	Oct. 1–Jan. 17 parking lot remains closed; trail reopens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 17
Brookdale/Paulson Rd. Multi-Use Trail, High Point, Fox Bluff	Nov. 1–Jan. 17 parking lot remains closed; trail reopens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 17
Pioneer Rd. Canoe Landing, Richmond	Nov. 1–Jan. 17; then as conditions dictate (ice formation and/or cold temperatures).
Winding Creek/Main Parking Lot & Wooded Trail	Nov. 1–Jan. 17 early parking & prairie loop remain open; site reopens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 17
Glacial Park*	Nov. 20–22 *Lost Valley Visitor Center & Prairie Trail (W Solon south to School Rd.) also closed.
Hickory Grove Riverfront*, Hickory Grove Highlands, Lyons Prairie & Marsh, Silver Creek, Stickney Run, The Hollows**	Oct. 2–4, Oct. 30–Nov. 1, Nov. 6–8 *Open for fishing until first ice, campground closed. **Southeast trails and Lake Atwood open. Northwest trails and campground closed.
Marengo Ridge, Rush Creek	Dec. 3–6

❄️ Weather Related – most sites reopen March 31. Check the website for updates.

Trails open to walk-in traffic. Parking lots close with 2" of snowfall (reopen if temperatures become mild.) After Jan. 2 and a significant snowfall, lots close for season.

Beck's Woods & Piskasaw North, Chemung	Dufield South, Woodstock	Prairie Trail: Meyer & Hillside Parking Lots, Algonquin
Boger Bog, Bull Valley	Elizabeth Lake NP Varga Archaeological Site, Richmond	Lake in The Hills Fen, LITH
Boone Creek, Bull Valley	Exner Marsh/Lakewood & Miller Road, LITH	North Branch, Richmond
Brookdale, Paulson Rd. Entrance, Woodstock	Huntley-Union-Marengo (HUM) Trail, Marengo	
Community Research Forest, Harvard	Kishwaukee Headwaters, Woodstock	

Seasonal Closures or Special Conditions:

Coral Woods, Marengo	Feb. 25–Mar. 19; open for <i>Festival of the Sugar Maples</i> , Mar. 6 & 7 and 13 & 14, 10 am–3 pm
Dufield Pond: Pond, N., Woodstock	North Lot & Pond: first ice & stays closed.
Hickory Grove Riverfront, Cary	Closed at first ice; trails open to walk-in traffic, except hunting weekends: Oct. 2–4, Oct. 30–Nov. 1, Nov. 6–8
Nippersink Canoe Base, Spring Grove	As conditions dictate (ice formation and/or cold temperatures).