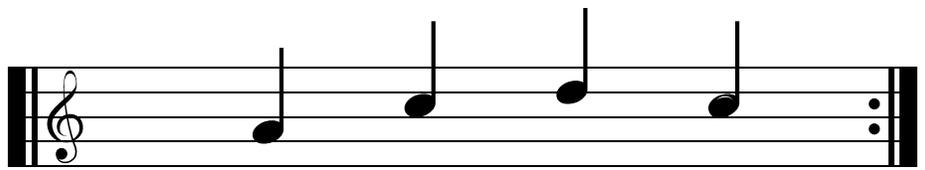


Live Music on the 4ths!



Sept. 4 & Oct. 4 – Lost Valley Visitor Center Patio, Glacial Park

Enjoy an exclusive, intimate evening of musical entertainment while you appreciate the stunning view of the Nippersink valley, under the branches of majestic oaks, on the patio at Lost Valley Visitor Center. A beautiful outdoor setting when you can spread out and listen to the music. 🎶 One at sunset and one in the warm sun of an October day. You are welcome to bring your own food and beverage. No glass please. Registration Required to ensure social distance spacing—maximum 50 people. Face Covering required to and from seating.

Kraig Kenning

Friday, September 4, 7–8:30 p.m.

Fee: R \$12.00/NR \$15.00 Code: 6772



Contemporary folk, acoustic blues, roots rock, or even American fingerstyle—Kraig Kenning merges a bit of them all while maintaining a close connection with his audience. He has toured for three decades, showcasing songs from his eight CDs containing almost exclusively original material. Kenning has inspired comparisons with Eric Clapton, Duane Allman, Bob Dylan and Jackson Brown.

Lucky Pickers

Sunday, October 4, 1–2:30 p.m.

Fee: R \$12.00/NR \$15.00 Code: 6773



Lucky Pickers is an acoustic duet from Northern Illinois composed of singer songwriters, Despina Pafalides and Caleb Peters. When not traveling with their bands, Miles Over Mountains and Fox Crossing Stringband, the two multi-instrumentalists team up for an upbeat mixture of Americana and bluegrass driven tunes. Both Caleb and Despina have performed across the country at numerous venues, festivals, and events.

The SPECIAL EVENT Big Sit Bird Watching Event

Hosted by Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge & McHenry County Audubon Society with support from Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Sunday, October 11, 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Powers-Walker House—Glacial Park



Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week at The Big Sit, an annual, international, noncompetitive birding event. The concept is simple: find a good spot for bird watching, sit in one spot for a designated time period, and count all the bird species you see or hear. The Big Sit falls in October when fall migration is in full swing.

Gather your closest bird-watching friends for a bird-a-thon, a perfect excuse to share good stories, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors and appreciate our fine feathered friends. Stop by for a few minutes, stay a few hours or join the whole 10-hour sit. Bring a lawn chair and your binoculars and layered clothing. For more information visit Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge—hackmatacknwr.org.

Migration Madness



Migratory Madness Ages 14+

Join volunteer bird enthusiast Dave Miller on a search for migratory birds stopping over at Glacial Park. After the hike we'll gather to compare notes and tally up all the species we spotted. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

Evening

Tuesday, September 8, 5:30–8 p.m.

Glacial Park, Kettle Parking Lot, Ringwood
Fee: Free Code: 6725

Morning

Saturday, September 19, 8–10:30 a.m.

Glacial Park, Kettle Parking Lot, Ringwood
Fee: Free Code: 6714

VIP Sandhill Crane Experience Ages 14+

Saturday, October 10, 6–8:30 p.m.

Lost Valley Visitor Center, Overlook Room, Glacial Park, Ringwood
Fee: R \$20.00/NR \$25.00 Code: 6718 Register by 10/8.

Sunset in the valley below the Lost Valley Visitor Center is made even more spectacular this time of year when the sandhill cranes gather on their migratory route southward. Graceful and majestic with a haunting call, these birds are perfectly situated below the windows of the Lost Valley Overlook Room. We will start your special evening with a presentation on the natural history of cranes, followed by plenty of time to watch and listen to the birds. We will cap off our wonderful evening with boxed dinners from a local eatery.



Celebrate OAKtober

OAKtober Planting Party!

at
the Big Woods

Saturday, October 17 **DROP-IN**

1:00–4:00 p.m. **FREE**

Marengo Ridge • 2411 N IL Route 23, Marengo

Help restore the Big Woods of McHenry County with a tree planting party in the heart of Marengo Ridge! Help plant 340 oak trees and learn about the District's restoration efforts to restore the oak savanna and woodland that once covered one third of our county. Bring the whole family! Note: *It is roughly a one mile hike along a rugged trail out to the planting site.*



Stoked About Oaks Family Day!

Saturday, October 24, 1–3 p.m.
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Savanna Room, Glacial Park, Ringwood
Registration required.
Fee: R Free/NR \$5.00 Code: 6760

Oaks are a big part of our region's heritage, and we're stoked about it!

Bring the whole family out to help us celebrate the month of OAKtober with games, stories, crafts, and fun activities centered around our local oak species and woodlands. Dress for the weather as some activities will be held outside.



Donate a Tree!



BIG WOODS

A LIVING GIFT FOR TOMORROW'S WOODLANDS

Donate native trees and shrubs to commemorate a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or help restore the oak savannas and woodlands of McHenry County. Tree and shrub plantings will restore historically wooded sites and reconnect existing stands to create contiguous oak savannas and woodlands. The long term plan includes restoring and reconnecting hundreds of acres of oak savannas and woodlands on McHenry County Conservation District sites!

Your donation of \$50 will purchase and plant 2 native shrubs and/or trees.

Donors are invited to the annual planting if they wish to come out and help plant.

Online: bit.ly/BigWoodsDonation

Check and mail to:

McHenry County Conservation Foundation, Lost Valley Visitor Center, 7210 Keystone Rd., Richmond, IL 60071

Please note: The location where trees and shrubs will be planted cannot be specified. Each year this will depend on areas of greatest need across the county.

Over one-third of McHenry County's land mass or close to 143,000 acres was once covered by an oak ecosystem in 1837.

Today, less than 18,000 acres remain —an oak loss of over 87%.

We are grateful for your support of our treasured oak savannas and woodlands.



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Living History Events

Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park

No registration required
Drop in any time during
event hours.



Archaeological Awareness Sunday, September 20 Noon–4:00 p.m.

See a stone grinder, flintknapper, and other demonstrations of prehistoric skills. Try your hand at throwing an atlatl while pretending you are on a prehistoric big game hunt. A mounted cavalryman will also be on hand to explain

archaeology of the Little Big Horn site. Archaeologists will describe how prehistoric technologies are discovered and interpreted. Examples of artifacts will be on display, including those found at the Powers-Walker House. Bring your own arrowheads or prehistoric tools for identification by professional archaeologists.



Twilight at the Farmhouse Wednesday, October 14, 6–8:00 p.m.

Enjoy the twilight ambiance of this 1850's house by candlelight and lamplight while enjoying a fall evening viewing the ever-changing colors in the Lost Valley Marsh. Smell the aromas and see what is being baked in the wood-burning stove. We think of candlelight at the end of the day as peaceful, but have you tried doing detail work in dim lighting? See how the early settlers tried to get the remains of their work done at the end of the day.



Harvest Time in 1858 Sunday, November 8, Noon–4:00 p.m.

Step back in time to the 1850's at harvest time. Try your hand at corn shelling, grinding corn into flour, or making a corn husk or yarn doll. Witness harvest activities like the baking of bread in the wood-burning cookstove and grinding herbs for winter use. Tour the historic farmhouse to learn more about its restoration, or visit with a Cavalry sergeant and his horse as they demonstrate the weapons of the era used to protect these frontier lands.



Paul Little

