



# Festival of the Sugar Maples

Mar. 7 & 8 and Mar. 14 & 15,  
10 a.m.–3 p.m., Coral Woods

# MARCH

WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
	<b>4</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>7</b>
					Discovery Days, <i>pg. 25</i> 10–11 am, Glacial Park Moonlit Hike, <i>pg. 23</i> 6:30–8 pm, Marengo Ridge		Festival of the Sugar Maples, 10 am–3 pm, Coral Woods, <i>p. 12</i>
<b>8</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Festival of the Sugar Maples, 10 am–3 pm, Coral Woods, <i>p. 12</i>				Padding the Nippersink Info Night, <i>pg. 24</i> 7–8:30 pm, Glacial Park			Festival of the Sugar Maples, 10 am–3 pm, Coral Woods, <i>p. 12</i> Chicago Wilderness Prescribed Burn Crew Training, <i>pg. 8</i> 8 am–4:30 pm, Glacial Park
<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Festival of the Sugar Maples, 10 am–3 pm, Coral Woods, <i>p. 12</i>						Color Changing Bacteria, <i>pg. 25</i> 6:30–8 pm, Glacial Park	
<b>22</b>		<b>23</b>		<b>24</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
				Constellations from the Kames, <i>pg. 13</i> 7–9 pm, Glacial Park		Spring Break Special: Wildlife Babies, <i>pg. 13</i> 2–3:30 pm, Glacial Park	Cabin Fever Campfire, <i>pg. 13</i> 7–8:30 pm, Prairieview
				Spring Break Escape, <i>pg. 13</i> 9 am–3 pm, Prairieview			
<b>29</b>		<b>30</b>		<b>31</b>			
Build a Bee Hotel, <i>pg. 25</i> 1–2:30 pm, Prairieview		College Burn Crew, <i>pg. 8</i> March 23–28, Glacial Park Week of Restoration – Drop-in Series, <i>pg. 8</i> March 23–28, Glacial Park					

# APRIL



Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

# EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Details on page 14.


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
					An Evening of Chamber Music, <i>pg. 24</i> 6:30–9 pm, Glacial Park	
<b>5</b>	<b>DISTRICT ANNIVERSARY 6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Conservation Egg Hunt, <i>pg. 25</i> 2–3:30 pm, Stickney Run	Nature Play Open House, <i>pg. 25</i> 10 am–12 pm, Prairieview	Backpacking Basics, <i>pg. 23</i> 7–8:30 pm, Glacial Park				Watch Out for Waterfowl, <i>pg. 22</i> 8–10:30 am, Glacial Park Spring Break Hike: Discover Boone Creek, <i>pg. 23</i> 2–3 pm, Boone Creek
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
				Woodland Wandering, <i>pg. 22</i> 6–8:30 pm, Glacial Park		Earth Day Celebration, 11 am–4 pm, Prairieview, <i>p. 14</i>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>EARTH DAY 22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Living History Open House: Civil War Sons, 12–4 pm, Glacial Park, <i>p. 19</i> Crittter Crawl, <i>pg. 25</i> 2–3 pm, Coral Woods			Spring Wildflower Walks, <i>pg. 23</i> 3–4:30 pm, Coral Woods	Photography and Prose, <i>pg. 24</i> 7–8 pm, Glacial Park		Weekend of Restoration XVII, <i>p. 20</i> 4/25–26, Sat. 8 am–Sun. Noon, Glacial Park Cast Iron Cooking: Spring Favorites 9 am–1 pm, Prairieview, <i>pg. 24</i> Geocaching, <i>pg. 23</i> 1:30–3 pm, Pleasant Valley
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
			Songs of Spring, <i>pg. 25</i> 6:30–7:30 pm, Rush Creek	Discovery Days, <i>pg. 25</i> 10–11 am, Winding Creek		

# MAY



## ART EXHIBIT Hidden in Plain Sight May 2–June 7

**Artist Reception: Sunday, May 3, 2–5 p.m.**  
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park Details on page 19.

					FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Kayak to a Heron Rookery, <i>pg. 22</i> 8–10:30 am, Hickory Grove Brunch & Learn: Flooding, <i>pg. 24</i> 10–11:30 am, Prairieview Spring Wildflower Walks, <i>pg. 23</i> 2–3:30 pm, Coral Woods
<b>3</b> <i>Along the Bluebird Trail, pg. 22</i> 10–11:30 am, Prairieview <i>Playtime in the Woods, pg. 25</i> 1:30–3 pm, Brookdale <b>Artist Reception:</b> <i>Hidden in Plain Sight, pg. 19</i> 2–5 pm, Glacial Park	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Wetland Birds, pg. 22</i> 6–8 pm, Glacial Park	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Migratory Bird Days!</b> , <i>p. 21</i> 5/9–10 & 17, Var locations Special Guest Storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis— <i>Bird Tales: Stories and Songs from Many Cultures, pg. 21</i> 1–2 pm, Glacial Park
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Stroller Strut, pg. 23</i> 10–11 am, Fox Bluff	<b>15</b> <i>Fabulous Frogs, pg. 25</i> 7:30–8:30 pm, Exner Marsh	<b>16</b> <i>Birding Blitz, pg. 22</i> 8–10:30 am, Glacial Park <i>Creek Peek, pg. 25</i> 1:30–2:30 pm, Nippesink Canoe Trail
<b>17</b> <b>Living History Open House,</b> <i>Just Who is Samuel Walker?</i> 12–4 pm, Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park, <i>p. 19</i> <i>Playtime at the Pond, pg. 25</i> 2–3:30 pm, Fel-Pro RRR		<b>19</b> <i>Birds of Marengo Ridge, pg. 22</i> 6:30–8:30 pm, Marengo Ridge	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Wild Orchid Walk, pg. 23</i> 5:30–7 pm, Near Woodstock <i>Spring Wildflower Walks, pg. 23</i> 6:30–8 pm, Coral Woods	<b>23</b> <i>Craft Brew Crawl, pg. 20</i> 6:30–8:30 pm, Marengo Ridge
<b>24</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>25</b> District offices closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Glacial Park Team Challenge, <i>p. 20</i> 8 am–2:30 pm, North Branch Family Scavenger Hunt, <i>pg. 23</i> 1:30–3 pm, Prairieview

## Campgrounds • Firewood is available to purchase, order at time of reservation: \$5 per crate (apx. 10 pcs)

- Group campgrounds are open first Friday in April–last Sunday in November.
- Thomas Woods remains open for winter group camping December–March.

The Conservation District has five group campground locations. Reservations are made **online only** at [MCCD.me/Reservations](http://MCCD.me/Reservations) and require one week notice (exception: Thomas Woods Campground—see below).

Cancellations up to two weeks prior your reservation will receive a 90% refund. No refunds issued for cancellations less than two weeks from the reservation date. All reservations are subject to a \$2 administrative fee.

LOCATION	Person Capacity	Parking Capacity	Resident / Non-resident per night	Holiday Surcharge* per night
<b>Rush Creek</b> – 20501 McGuire Rd., Harvard				
Exclusive Use	1-100	20	\$55 / \$90	\$20 / \$30
<b>Beck's Woods</b> – 5940 N Pagles Rd., Chemung				
	1-25	6	\$25 / \$50	\$10 / \$20
<b>Marengo Ridge</b> – 2411 N Route 23, Marengo				
Exclusive Use	1-100	18	\$55 / \$90	\$20 / \$30
<b>Hickory Grove</b> – 500 Hickory Nut Grove Lane, Cary				
Riverfront	1-25	5	\$25 / \$50	\$10 / \$20
<b>The Hollows</b> – 3804 U.S. Hwy. 14, Cary				
Large Area	1-100	50	\$45 / \$90	\$20 / \$30
Small A	1-40	50	\$25 / \$50	\$10 / \$20
Small B	1-40	50	\$25 / \$50	\$10 / \$20

\*The holiday surcharge fee applies to each day of the Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day holiday weekends.



### Individual Camp Sites

Thomas Woods, in Marengo Ridge  
Open May–October, Weekends (Call for weekday special use permit, (815) 338-6223, ext. 1211)

Advance reservations are not required for Thomas Woods IF there is site availability. Camp sites are first come, first served for last minute camping plans, until full. If you wish to secure a site, make advance reservations online at [MCCD.me/Reservations](http://MCCD.me/Reservations) with a credit card 48 hours in advance. Payment by credit card, cash or check is accepted on site.

Resident / Non-resident per site, per night

Non-electric	\$12 / \$18
Electric, RV only	\$22 / \$33
Holiday surcharge per night*	\$2 / \$5

### Overnight Cyclist Camping

North Branch, in Richmond; April 3–Nov. 27  
\$10/tent. Permit required. No formal amenities, see website for guidelines.