

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Conservation Kids – Animal Survival, p. 25 Tues. 12/1, 8, 15 & 22, 4–5 pm Online/Your backyard or ours	2	3 Animals in Winter, p. 23 9:30–10:30 am, Brookdale After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Kishwaukee Headwaters	4 Hike the Kames by Candlelight, p. 20 7–9:30 pm, Glacial Park	5 Citizen Science: Project FeederWatch, p. 19 7–8 pm, Online via Zoom
6 Hiber-Nation, p. 23 1–2 pm, The Hollows	7 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Glacial Park	8	9 Winter's Storytime, p. 25 10–11 am, Hickory Grove	10 Introduction to Winter Birds, p. 19 7–8:30 pm, Online via Zoom	11	12 Winter Tree ID, p. 24 12:30–2 pm, Pleasant Valley An Afternoon with the Short-Eared Owls, p. 21 3:30–5 pm, Glacial Park
13	14 Geminid Meteor Shower, p. 20 8–9:30 pm, Marengo Ridge	15	16 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Prairieview	17	18 Candlelight XCSki/Hike 5–9 pm, Harrison Benwell, p. 18	19 Make and Take: Bird Seed Cookies, p. 18 10–11:00 am, Prairieview Candlelight XCSki/Hike 5–9 pm, Harrison Benwell, p. 18
20 Nature's Ornaments, p. 18 1:30–3 pm, Glacial Park	21 Upcycling: Out with Old, In with the New, p. 18 7–9 pm, Glacial Park Solstice Soiree, p. 20 7–8:30 pm, Prairieview	22 Discovery Days: Rabbits, p. 25 10–11 am, Rush Creek	23	CHRISTMAS EVE 24 District offices closed.	CHRISTMAS DAY 25 District offices closed.	26
27	28	29 Tracks and Scat, p. 23 2–3:30 pm, Marengo Ridge	30 Hike and See: Let's Find Out, p. 20 1:30–2:30 pm, Coral Woods	NEW YEAR'S EVE 31 District offices closed.	 <p>Christmas Tree Recycling Dec. 26–Jan. 15 Details on page 17.</p>	

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					NEW YEAR'S DAY 1 District offices closed.	2 Kames Kickoff Hike: Glacial Park, p. 20 9–10:30 am, Glacial Park
3	4	5	6 Conservation Kids – Rocket Science, p. 25 Wed., 1/6, 13, 20 & 27, 4–5 pm Online/Your backyard or ours	7 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Prairieview	8	9 In Search of Eagles, p. 20 9–10:30 am, var sites, p. 20 Eagles and Osprey – Back from the Brink, p. 20 Prairieview, 1–2 pm Family Scavenger Hunt, p. 23 11 am–1 pm, Rush Creek Storytime on the Trail, p. 25 2:30–4 pm, Prairieview
10	11 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Glacial Park	12	13	14 Discovery Days: Squirrels, p. 25 10–11 am, Pleasant Valley Nature Trivia, p. 19 7–8:30 pm, Online via Zoom	15 Candlelight XCSki/Hike 5–9 pm, Marengo Ridge, p. 18	16 Family Scavenger Hunt, p. 23 11 am–1 pm, Fel-Pro RRR Tracks and Scat, p. 23 2–3:30 pm, Kishwaukee Headwaters Candlelight XCSki/Hike 5–9 pm, Marengo Ridge, p. 18
17	18 Introduction to Orienteering, p. 24 9:30–10:30 am, Prairieview Orienteering, p. 24 1–2:30 pm, Prairieview	19 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Marengo Ridge	20	21 Snowflake Storytime, p. 25 10–11 am, Stickney Run Nature Book Club, p. 19 7–8 pm, Online via Zoom	22	23 Frozen, p. 18 10–11:30 am, Rush Creek Winter Survival, p. 23 1:30–3 pm, Coral Woods
24	25	26	27 Certified Interpretive Guide Training Course, p. 19 Wed., 1/27, 2/3, 10, 17 & 24, 9 am–5 pm, Prairieview	28 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Rush Creek	29 Howl at the Moon, p. 23 7–8:30 pm, Coral Woods	30 Creature Feature: Owls, p. 21 10–11 am, Prairieview Evergreens, p. 24 1:30–2:30 pm, Marengo Ridge
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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Rush Creek	2 Discovery Days: Groundhogs, p. 25 10–11 am, Glacial Park	3 Conservation Kids – Winter Experiments, p. 25 Wed., 2/3, 10, 17 & 24, 4–5 pm Online/Your backyard or ours	4 Coyotes and Cougars, p. 23 7–8:30 pm, Glacial Park	5	6 Winter Bird Hike, p. 18 9:30–11:30 am, Brookdale History Hike: Glacial Park, p. 20 2–3:30 pm, Glacial Park
7	8	9 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Coral Woods	10	11	12 Candlelight XC Ski/Hike 5–9 pm, Prairieview, p. 18	13 Nature Book Club, p. 19 1–2 pm, Online via Zoom Candlelight XC Ski/Hike 5–9 pm, Prairieview, p. 18
14	15 PRESIDENTS DAY District offices closed.	16	17	18 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, The Hollows	19	20 Animal Tracks, p. 23 10–11 am, Rush Creek Upcycling: Out with Old, In with the New, p. 18 2–4 pm, Glacial Park
21 Winter is Ever Green, p. 24 10–11 am, Pleasant Valley	22 After School Adventures, p. 25 3:45–5:15 pm, Fel-Pro RRR	23 Nature Trivia, p. 19 7–8:30 pm, Online via Zoom	24	25	26	27
28 Tapping Into Nature, p. 22 2–3:30 pm, Coral Woods		 <p>COMING IN MARCH... <i>Festival of the Sugar Maples</i> Mar. 6 & 7 and Mar. 13 & 14, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Coral Woods</p>				

🔍 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. 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. 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	
Boone Creek, Bull Valley	Exner Marsh/Lakewood & Miller Road, LITH	Lake in The Hills Fen, LITH
Brookdale, Paulson Rd. Entrance, Woodstock	Huntley-Union-Marengo (HUM) Trail, Marengo	North Branch, Richmond
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 weekend: Oct. 30–Nov. 1, Nov. 6–8
Nippersink Canoe Base, Spring Grove	As conditions dictate (ice formation and/or cold temperatures).

