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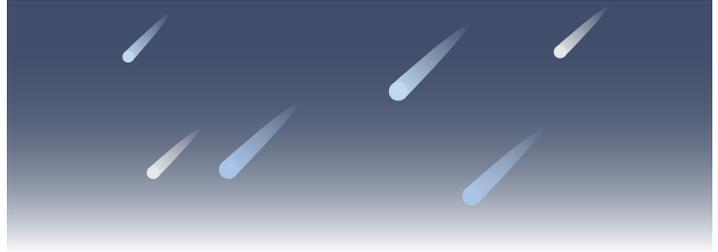
Hike the Kames by Candlelight *Ages 21+*

Friday, December 4, 7–9:30 p.m.

Lobby, Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood

Fee: R \$30.00/NR \$35.00 Code: [6867](#)

Join us for a candlelight hike to the camelback kames and experience a park that is otherwise closed to visitors after sunset. Learn about the local nocturnal wildlife and listen for their presence. The hike is roughly 2 miles on hilly terrain. After the hike gather by the campfire and make a gourmet version of s'mores and share a toast with an adult beverage. Participants who wish to share in the latter must be 21 and bring a valid ID. This is a great date night or girls' night out!



Geminid Meteor Shower *Adults and Families*

Monday, December 14, 8–9:30 p.m.

Shelter #2, Marengo Ridge, Marengo

Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6845](#)

Grab a comfy chair and a warm blanket to observe a spectacular show of colorful meteors. The Geminid meteor shower, which can produce up to 100 meteors per hour, peaks this night. Don't miss the phenomenal display of bright flashes of light crossing the sky as we sit under the stars.

Solstice Soiree *Adults and Families*

Monday, December 21, 7–8:30 p.m.

Fire Ring & Patio, Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake

Fee: R \$2.00/NR \$5.00 Code: [6846](#)

The winter solstice brings our longest, darkest night to the northern hemisphere. For centuries this event has been a call for celebration; come find out why! We'll investigate old ways to celebrate this celestial event while creating new traditions, including a lantern lit night hike ending at a warm campfire. Come dressed for the weather and prepared for outdoor activities. We will hike a 1/2 mile on potentially snowy trail conditions. Please leave the flashlights at home. We will let the moon and lanterns light our way.

Kames Kickoff Hike: Glacial Park *Ages 14+*

Saturday, January 2, 9–10:30 a.m.

Savanna Room, Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood

Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6878](#)

It's the beginning of the new year and we are kicking it off on the kames! Join us outside the Lost Valley Visitor Center to embark on our first hike of the year up to the beautiful kames of Glacial Park. We will end back at the Lost Valley Visitor Center.

Hike and See: Let's Find Out *Adults and Families*

Wednesday, December 30, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Shelter, Coral Woods, Marengo

Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6871](#)

Join us as we get together and hike to find out what Coral Woods has to offer! Nature exploration activities will be provided as we take a walk in the woods.

History Hike: Glacial Park *Ages 14+*

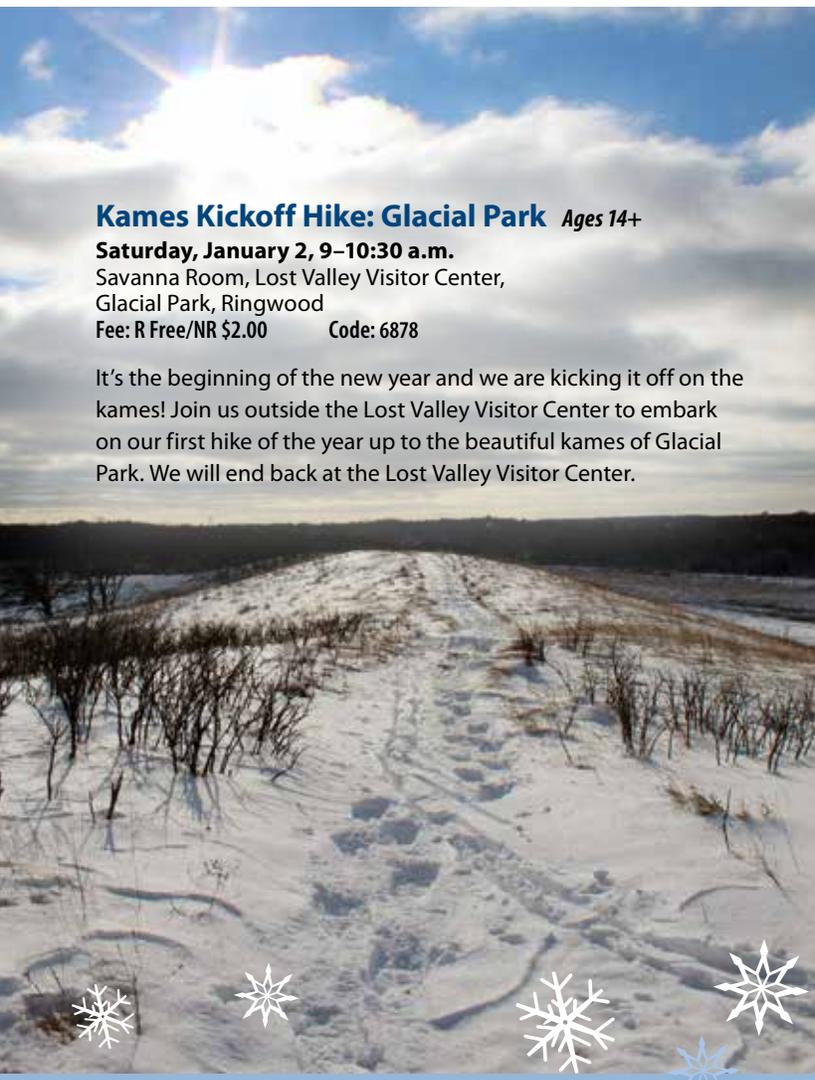
Saturday, February 6, 2–3:30 p.m.

Weidrich Barn, Glacial Park, Ringwood

Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6864](#)

Learn about the former inhabitants of various areas of the park as we look for signs of their presence. We will visit the Weidrich barn, the kettle marsh, the old main office, the Thomas cemetery, and more.

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.



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SPECIAL EVENT

In Search of Eagles

Saturday, January 9



Cindy Smith

Search for Eagles — 9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

McHenry Dam, Algonquin Dam, Carpentersville Dam

Representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of Hackmatack Wildlife Refuge, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and McHenry County Audubon will be on hand at locations along the Fox River in Illinois to help you search for eagles. There will be scopes and binoculars available for use at each location, along with guided activities for children. Visit the site closest to you or visit them all! Maps to the locations are available on MCCDistrict.org under special events and on Friends of Hackmatack’s Facebook page [@FriendsHackmatackNWR](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsHackmatackNWR).

“Eagles and Osprey, Back from the Brink”— 1–2 p.m. *Ages 14+*

Online via Zoom platform. Registration is required. Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6905](#)

Christian W. Cold, retired wildlife technician and educator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Wildlife Management, presents an overview on the biology, life history and current status of bald eagles and ospreys in Wisconsin. He will provide a historical account on the decline and subsequent recovery of birds which experienced a period of reproductive failure due to the indiscriminate use of organochlorine pesticides, and recognize both birds as historical examples of species, which are now valued as living indicators (barometers) of environmental health and vigor.

An Afternoon with the Short-Eared Owls *Ages 8+*

Saturday, December 12, 3:30–5 p.m.

Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood

Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6858](#)

The short-eared owl is an Illinois endangered species, but we are fortunate to have them visit Glacial Park every winter! We will begin our afternoon with a short indoor presentation and then search the park at dusk for these special creatures. Bring binoculars if you have them and dress for the weather.



Creature Feature: Owls *Ages 8+*

Saturday, January 30, 10–11 a.m.

Fire Ring & Patio, Prairieview Education Center,

Crystal Lake

Fee: R \$2.00/NR \$5.00 Code: [6865](#)

Not every animal can withstand the harsh winter environment. Some animals spend the winter hibernating or migrating someplace warm. But what about the animals that stay active all year long? How are they able to cope with the cold? A live owl is our featured creature as we discover how they are able to stay active during the winter. Dress for being outside.



Short-eared owl