

Everyone attending a program needs to register, both adult & child. Face masks are required during the entire program.



Space is limited to allow for physical distancing from other non-family members.
Participants are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.



Festival of the Sugar Maples

Public Event
Two Weekends!

March 6 & 7 and 13 & 14
10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Coral Woods Conservation Area
7400 Somerset, Marengo

- Hear how maple syrup was made hundreds of years ago...
- Discover how maple trees produce sap each spring...
- Learn how sap is collected from maple trees...
- See how maple syrup is made at the evaporator house!

Help Us Tap The Sugar Maples!

Tapping Into Nature

Adults and Families, Ages 10+

Sunday, February 28,
2–3:30 p.m.

Shelter, Coral Woods, Marengo
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: 6851



The Festival of the Sugar Maples is an annual event that teaches historical and current methods of sap collection and maple syrup making. This program is a unique opportunity for the public to assist in the tree tapping process. Staff will provide a short lesson on tree selection, how to correctly place a tap in a tree, and the proper equipment used to complete the process. Under staff supervision, participants will work together to tap some of the trees for the public special event being held March 6–7 and March 13–14. Dress for the weather.

David Hallberg



Volunteer!

Festival of the Sugar Maples!

Volunteer Training Workshop:
Saturday, February 27, 9 a.m.–Noon.

Volunteer Positions Needed:
March 6 & 7 and March 13 & 14
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tour leaders, sugar house assistants or tree tapping demonstrators. No experience necessary. New tour leaders and first-time volunteers learn about the history and techniques of maple sugaring and tree-tapping.



Contact the Volunteer Coordinator — (815) 338-6223, 1201 or Volunteers@MCCDistrict.org to learn about the different positions and shifts available, sign up to volunteer, and register for the training workshop. Note: a background check is required for all new volunteers over age 18.



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Winter Adventures

Tracks and Scat *Adults and Families*

Tuesday, December 29, 2–3:30 p.m.

Shelter #2, Marengo Ridge, Marengo
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6870](#)

Saturday, January 16, 2–3:30 p.m.

Shelter, Kishwaukee Headwaters, Woodstock
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6869](#)

Whose scat is that? It may be cold outside, but there are some animals that are still out and about. While we may not see them, these animals leave behind clues that can tell us who's been around. Join us for a hike as we look for evidence of animals in winter.

Howl at the Moon *Adults and Families*

Friday, January 29, 7–8:30 p.m.

Shelter, Coral Woods, Marengo
Fee: R \$2.00/NR \$5.00 Code: [6855](#)

Explore Coral Woods at night with (or without) your favorite furry friend! Take a self-guided night hike along a 1.25 mile loop. Leashed dogs are invited but not required to enjoy this event. Please leave your flashlights at home and let the moon guide the way.

Coyotes and Cougars

Adults and Families, Ages 6+

Thursday, February 4, 7–8:30 p.m.

Savanna Room, Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6895](#)

You may have spotted one of our local coyotes before on a hike, but did you know there have been reports of cougars in the Chicago region too? During this evening hike, we will talk about these large carnivores while we listen for coyote howls and search for tracks. What will we find? Come dressed for the weather and prepared to hike over rugged terrain.



Grady Smith

Animal Tracks *Ages 7–12 w/Adult*

Saturday, February 20, 10–11 a.m.

Shelter, Rush Creek, Harvard
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6884](#)

While we like to stay inside in the colder months, animals in nature are on the move! Come on a fun winter hike to learn and identify some of the tracks that animals leave behind. This program will be entirely outdoors so please dress for the weather!



Family Scavenger Hunts *Adults and Families*

Saturday, January 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Shelter, Rush Creek, Harvard
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6893](#)

Saturday, January 16, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Main Entrance, Fel-Pro RRR, Cary
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6894](#)

Bring the whole family out for a winter scavenger hunt adventure! Meet at the parking lot to get an introduction and pick up your map and scavenger hunt sheet, before heading out on the trails for a self-guided exploration. Bring your completed sheet back to the program leader and get a prize! Please dress for the weather and hiking.

Animals in Winter *Ages 2–5 w/Adult*

Thursday, December 3, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Brookdale, Main Entrance, Woodstock
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6877](#)

Learn more about how animals survive winter with a hike and fun activities! This program will be entirely outdoors so dress for the weather!

Hiber-Nation *Ages 2–6 w/Adult*

Sunday, December 6, 1–2 p.m.

Shelter #1, The Hollows, Cary
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6888](#)

Animals all around the nation curl up and hibernate over the long, cold winter. We will read a hibernation story, discover what makes a true hibernator, and then take an exploration hike to look for places where creatures may already be snoozing the winter away. Dress for the weather and hiking.

Winter Survival *Adults and Families*

Saturday, January 23, 1:30–3 p.m.

Shelter, Coral Woods, Marengo
Fee: R Free/NR \$2.00 Code: [6860](#)

How do animals survive the cold and lack of food in the wintertime? We will discover the answer to this question through lessons, experiments, and games.