

Nature's Notebook

SPRING 2023 ISSUE

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FINDING SPRING EPHEMERALS

Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)

- Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve
- Severson Dells Forest Preserve
- Funderburg Forest Preserve



Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)

- Deer Run Forest Preserve
- Severson Dells Forest Preserve
- Killbuck Bluffs Forest Preserve

Trout Lily (*Erythronium albidum*)

- Rockford Rotary Forest Preserve
- Deer Run Forest Preserve
- Oak Ridge Forest Preserve



Cutleaf Toothwort (*Cardamine concatenate*)

- Honenegah Forest Preserve
- Oak Ridge Forest Preserve
- Severson Dells Forest Preserve

Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*)

- Deer Run Forest Preserve
- Oak Ridge Forest Preserve



FINDING SPRING EPHEMERALS

Bloodroot (Sanguinaria canadensis)

- Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve
- Kishwaukee River Forest Preserve
- Seward Bluffs Forest Preserve



Wild Geranium (Geranium maculatum)

- Hartley Memorial Forest Preserve
- Pecatonica River Forest Preserve
- Funderburg Forest Preserve

Woodland phlox (Phlox divaricata)

- Pecatonica River Forest Preserve
- Kishwaukee River Forest Preserve
- Deer Run Forest Preserve



Mayapple (Podophyllum peltatum)

- Kishwaukee River Forest Preserve
 - Seward Bluffs Forest Preserve
- Pecatonica River Forest Preserve

Shooting Stars (Dodecatheon meadia)

- Oak Ridge Forest Preserve
- Kieselburg Forest Preserve
- Kishwaukee Gorge North Forest Preserve



NEW FOREST PRESERVE FACES

Say hi to a few new FPWC staff members!



SANDRA P.

Natural Resource Technician
Started November 2022



KEITH K.

Stewardship Coordinator
Started February 2023



TRYSTAN B.

North Area Ranger
Started March 2023



NICHOLAS E.

North Area Ranger
Started April 2023

CAMP THE PRESERVES

The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County provides three campgrounds for general public use. The campgrounds provide paved access roads, running water, electric hookups, restrooms, and dump stations.



Sugar River

10127 Forest Preserve Road, Durand, IL 61024

All 70 sites in the main campground at Sugar River may be reserved online. Reservations MUST be made 7 days in advance.

Primitive sites are on a first-come first-served basis.

Please register at the attendant building, or in the absence of attendant, please use the self-registration station.



Hononegah

#80 Hononegah Road
Rockton, IL 61072

No reservations available for sites at Hononegah, sites are on a first-come first-served basis.

The host will register campers on a per unit basis after the units are established.



Seward Bluffs

16999 Comly Road
Seward, IL 61077

All 47 sites at Seward Bluffs may be reserved online. Online reservations MUST be made 7 days in advance.

Please register with the campground host or in the absence of a host, please use the self-registration station.

View camping fees and more information about FPWC campgrounds on our website: winnebagoforest.org/camping

HOOKED ON FUN KIDS FISHING DERBY

Reel in the Fun!

Saturday, June 10, 2023

9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Four Lakes Forest Preserve
10207 Fish Hatchery Road
Pecatonica, IL 61063

The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County is thrilled to announce the return of "Hooked on Fun", a free fishing experience just for kids!

This is a great opportunity to introduce your kids to fishing in a safe and controlled environment. Four Lakes Forest Preserve provides several shallow, small lakes which are easily accessible and provide an ideal setting to introduce and teach kids about fishing. No fishing experience? No problem! Staff and volunteers will be on hand to assist and educate children and family members.



There will be free t-shirts during early check-in; participant prizes, trophies for the winning individual in each age group, and a big fish trophy for the individual that reels in the biggest fish overall! Participants must bring their own fishing poles, however, there will be a limited number of loaner poles for those who do not have their own. Bait will be provided. There will also be a live aquarium display hosted by the Forest Preserves Natural Resources Department.

If you or your child requires accessibility assistance, please contact Forest Preserve Headquarters at (815) 877-6100 in advance to arrange assistance or please let someone know at your time of arrival.



2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 12-14 Go Public Garden Days (Klehm)
- 12 Home Composting Workshop (Klehm)
- 13 All About Raised Bed Gardening (Klehm)
- 13 True Nature Tranquility Walk (Klehm)
- 13 Walk With U Guided Walk at Funderburg Forest Preserve
- 13 Bird Banding (Sand Bluff Bird Observatory)
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- 19 Hike at Kieselburg Forest Preserve (815 Outside)
- 20-23 All About Fiber! (Macktown Living History)
- 20 Grow a Great Garden with Bevin Cohen (Klehm)
- 20 Bird Banding (Sand Bluff Bird Observatory)
- 21 Guided Birding Hike at Colored Sands Forest Preserve
- 25 Sunset Hike at Jensen Forest Preserve (815 Outside)

June

- 3 Walk With U Guided Walk at Oak Ridge Forest Preserve
- 3-4 Garden Fair (Klehm)
- 3-4 Seth B. Atwood Crosstown Classic Golf Tournament
- 10 Hooked on Fun Kids Fishing Derby
- 10 David Rogers' Big Bugs: The Pollinators Exhibit (Klehm)
- 10 Work Day in the Historic District (Macktown Living History)
- 11 Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social (Macktown Living History)
- 13 Guided Hike at Colored Sands Forest Preserve
- 17 REAP Volunteer Work Day at Jensen Forest Preserve
- 20 Kid's Butterfly Painting on Wood Slice (Klehm)
- 25 Woodsong Summer Concert (Klehm)

COMING SOON...

2023 Preserve Passport Program!

 *discover the nature of life.*

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