### DECEMBER

#### Holidays at Grandma’s House
**Saturday, December 14, Noon–4:00 p.m.**
Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park

Special Guest Speaker — Tallgrass Conversations, pg. 22
2–3:30 pm, Prairieview

**Nature’s Ornaments,** pg. 16
12–4 pm, Glacial Park

**Candlelight XC Ski/Hike**
5–9 pm, Prairieview, p. 18
Geminid Meteor Shower Party, pg. 24
7–8:30 pm, Marengo Ridge

**An Afternoon with the Short-Eared Owls,** pg. 20
1:30–3 pm, Prairieview

**Nature Puppet Shows and Tea Party,** pg. 23
1:30–3 pm, Glacial Park

**Winter Constellations,** pg. 24
7–8:30 pm, Prairieview

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#### JANUARY

#### Family Fun Fair
**Saturday, January 4, 1–4 p.m.**
Glacial Park

**Winter Break Day Camp,** pg. 23
Th-F, 1/2-3, 9 am–3 pm, Glacial Park

**Volunteer Fair,** p. 22
11 am–3 pm, Glacial Park

**Winter Constellations,** pg. 24
7–8:30 pm, Prairieview
### Site & Seasonal Closures

- **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 & a significant snowfall, lots close for the season.**

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<td><strong>PRESIDENTS DAY</strong></td>
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<td>Nature Play Open House, pg. 23 9–12 pm, Prairieview</td>
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<td>Discovery Days, pg. 23 10–11 am, Pleasant Valley</td>
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<td><strong>Tapping Into Nature, pg. 21</strong> 9–10:30 am, Coral Woods</td>
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### Hunting – site closed for short periods of time to ensure maximum safety for our visitors.

- **Community Research Forest** Oct. 1–Jan. 19 parking lot remains closed; trail reopen for walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 19
- **Brookdale/Paulson Rd. Multi-Use Trail,** High Point, Fox Bluff Nov. 1–Jan. 19 parking lot remains closed; trail reopen for walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 19
- **Winding Creek/Main Parking Lot & Wooded Trail** Nov. 1–Jan. 19. Early parking & prairie loop remain open; site opens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 19
- **Glacial Park** Dec. 5–8 *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 Nov. 1–3, Nov. 8–10 *Open for fishing until first ice, campground closed.
- **Marengo Ridge, Rush Creek** Nov. 22–24

### Seasonal Closures or Special Conditions:

- **Coral Woods, Marengo** Feb. 27–Mar. 20; open for Festival of the Sugar Maples, Mar. 7 & 8 and 14 & 15, 10 am–3 pm
- **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 reopen for walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 19
- **Dufeld 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 weekends: Nov. 1–3, Nov. 8–10
- **Nippersink Canoe Base, Spring Grove** As conditions dictate (ice formation and/or cold temperatures).
- **Pioneer Rd. Canoe Landing, Richmond** Nov. 1–Jan. 19; then as conditions dictate (ice formation and/or cold temperatures).