

DECEMBER

**Historical Holidays
Open House**
Saturday, December 10, Noon–4:00 p.m.
Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park Details on page 12.



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Nuts for All!, p. 14 2–3:30 p.m., Pleasant Valley
4 Hibernation Happens!, p. 14 2–3:30 p.m., Prairieview	5	6 Owl Walk, p. 18 7–9 p.m., Glacial Park	7
11 Sites Seldom Seen: Cotton Creek Marsh, p. 18 1:30–3 p.m., Cotton Creek Marsh Nature Preserve Make Your Own Wooden Toys, p. 14 1:30–3:30 p.m., Glacial Park	12	13	14 Discovery Days, p. 14 10–11 a.m., Glacial Park Introduction to Snowshoeing, p. 19 7–8 p.m., Glacial Park
18 My, What Big Antlers You Have!, p. 14 3–4:30 p.m., Glacial Park	19	22	23 District offices closed
25 CHRISTMAS DAY District offices closed	26 District offices closed	27	28 Arctic Adventures, p. 15 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Prairieview
		29 Nature's Puppet Show & Tea Party, p. 14 1:30–3 p.m., Prairieview	30 District offices closed
			31 District offices closed

**Christmas Tree
Recycling**
Dec. 26–Jan. 15
Details on page 10



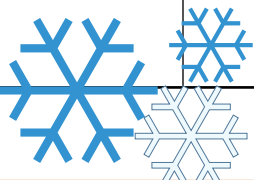
JANUARY

Join us January 14–15 for
Weekend of Restoration:
"Back to Basics" See pg. 20

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY District offices closed	2 District offices closed	3	4 Make Your Own Nature Calendar, p. 16 7–8:30 p.m., Glacial Park	5	6 Nature's Preschool: Animals in Winter, p. 15 Fri., 1/6, 1/13, 1/20 & 1/27, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Glacial Park	7 Winter Explorations, p. 13 12–3 pm, Marengo Ridge
8 Winter Scavenger Hunt, p. 16 1:30–3 p.m., The Hollows	9	10	11 Discovery Days, p. 14 10–11 a.m., Prairieview	12	13 Winter Constellations, p. 16 7–8:30 p.m., Prairieview	14 Weekend of Restoration: Back to Basics, p. 20 1/14–15; Sat. 1 pm–Sun. Noon, Glacial Park An Afternoon with the Short Eared Owls, p. 16 4–5:30 p.m., Glacial Park
15 Family Winter Fitness Hike, p. 17 1:30–3 p.m., Marengo Ridge	16 Wonders of Winter, p. 15 1:30–3 p.m., Glacial Park	17	18	19 A Celebration of Poetry: Stars & Snow, p. 18 7–8:30 p.m., Prairieview	20 Cross-Country Candlelight Ski 5–9 pm, Coral Woods, p. 11	21 That's Gross, p. 14 1:30–3 p.m., Glacial Park Cross-Country Candlelight Ski 5–9 pm, Coral Woods, p. 11
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Winter Bird Hike, p. 18 9 a.m.–11 a.m., Glacial Park
29 A Very Chilly Chili Crawl, p. 16 3:30–5:30 p.m., Glacial Park	30	31	 <p>The Artistic Side of District Staff January 7–February 26 Lost Valley Visitor Center Details on page 13.</p>			

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
					Discovery Days, p. 14 10–11 a.m., Glacial Park Winter on the Frontier, p. 18 7–9 p.m., Prairieview	GPS Challenge, p. 19 1–4:30 p.m., Coral Woods
5 Coyote Adventures, p. 19 1–2:30 p.m., The Hollows	6	7	8	9	10	11
					Cross-Country Candlelight Ski 5–9 pm, Rush Creek, p. 11 Paint & Sip Party: Capture a Live Owl on Canvas, p. 18 7–9 p.m., Prairieview	Natural Valentine, p. 16 1:30–3 p.m., Glacial Park Cross-Country Candlelight Ski 5–9 pm, Rush Creek, p. 11
12 Secrets of Snow, p. 17 1:30–3 p.m., Fel-Pro RRR	13 Frog Monitoring Workshop, p. 19 7–9 p.m., Prairieview	14	15 Nature Play Open House, p. 14 10 a.m.–Noon, Prairieview	16 Habitat Happenings, p. 19 7–9 p.m., Glacial Park	17 Winter Games for Families, p. 17 7–8:30 p.m., Prairieview Wine Walk & Nature Themed Game Night, p. 18 7–9 p.m., Glacial Park	18 Nature at Night Pajama Party, p. 14 7–9 p.m., Prairieview
19	20 PRESIDENTS DAY District offices closed.	21	22	23	24	25
						Winter Woods Walk, p. 17 2:30–4 p.m., Pleasant Valley
26	27	COMING IN MARCH...				



Site & Seasonal Closures

🔦 Hunting – site closed for short periods of time to ensure maximum safety for our visitors.

Brookdale Paulsen Rd. Multi-Use Trail, High Point, Fox Bluff, Winding Creek	November 1–January 15
Glacial Park*	December 1–4 * Lost Valley Visitor Center will also be closed
Hickory Grove Riverfront*, Hickory Grove Highlands, Lyons Prairie & Marsh, Silver Creek, Stickney Run	Oct. 21–23, Nov. 4–6, Nov. 11–13 *Open for fishing til first ice, campground & trails to Silver Creek closed
Pleasant Valley and Rush Creek	November 18–20

❄️ Weather Related – most sites reopen March 31. Check the website for updates.

Close with Snowfall greater than 2" — will reopen if temperatures become mild — Parking Lots Close for the Season Jan 3. Open to walk-in traffic.

Beck's Woods & Piskasaw North/Parking Lots, Chemung	Elizabeth Lake Varga Archeological Site/Parking Lot, Richmond	Lake in The Hills Fen/Parking Lot, LITH
Boger Bog/Parking Lot, Bull Valley	Exner Marsh/Lakewood & Miller Road Parking Lots, LITH	North Branch/Parking Lot, Richmond
Boone Creek/Parking Lot, Bull Valley	Huntley-Union-Marengo (HUM) Trail/Parking Lot, Marengo	
Brookdale/Paulsen Rd. Parking Lot, Woodstock	Kishwaukee Headwaters/Parking Lot, Woodstock	
Dufield South, Woodstock	Prairie Trail: Meyer & Hillside Parking Lots, Algonquin	

Special conditions or dates:

Brookdale/Paulsen Rd. Multi-Use Trail, Woodstock	Nov. 1–Jan. 15 parking lot remains closed; trail reopens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 15
Coral Woods, Marengo	February 23–March 17; open for <i>Festival of the Sugar Maples</i> , March 4 & 5 and 11 & 12, 10 am–3 pm
County Line Road Access, Marengo	November 1 and parking lot remains closed; site reopens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 15
Dufield Pond: Pond, N., Woodstock	North Lot & Pond: first ice & stays closed.
Fox Bluff/Cold Springs Rd. Parking Lot, Cary	November 1 and parking lot remains closed; site reopens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 15
Hickory Grove Riverfront, Cary	First ice and stays closed. Campground & trails to Silver Creek closed Oct. 21–23, Nov. 4–6, Nov. 11–13
High Point, Harvard	November 1 and parking lot remains closed; site reopens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 15
Nippersink Canoe Base, Spring Grove	November 1 and stays closed.
Pioneer Rd. Canoe Landing, Richmond	November 1 and stays closed.
Winding Creek, Hebron	Nov. 1–Jan. 15 parking lot remains closed; site reopens to walk-in traffic after hunting season ends Jan. 15