If you love sampling good craft beer and spending time outdoors, this event is for you!

Walk the one mile partially wooded trail while visiting various regional brewers along the way. Play a pick up game of bags, sand volleyball or basketball and visit outdoor recreation retailers.

For more information, visit bit.ly/TGOBT2019Tickets

- **$45** 18 – 4oz. pours plus Commemorative Glass
- **$55** Gold Pass – enjoy early entry 1 hour before the crowds
- **$15** Designated Driver (21+) Water / Soda & Commemorative Glass

Get your tickets early — prices increase day of event.

Live Music by **Lara Bell**

Great Eats by: **Your Sister’s Tomato** (wood fired pizza), **Fork n Fry** (poutine)

Note: Ticket sales end at 5 p.m. day of the event. You must be 21 or older to attend. The site will be closed to all other visitors during the hours of the event. The trail is paved and wheelchair accessible. This event is dog friendly — leash required.
**First Fridays Concert**

**7:00–8:30 p.m.**  Site closes at 9 p.m.  
**Lost Valley Visitor Center Patio, Glacial Park**

Join us for an evening of music and nature. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy the beautiful view from the Lost Valley Visitor Center patio and stay for a free concert from talented regional musicians.

**Note:** No glass containers. In the case of inclement weather, concerts will be moved indoors.

**Fox Crossing Stringband**

Fox Crossing Stringband is a 4 piece all-female bluegrass band from Chicago who just released their debut album, *Box of Memories*. These foxes are ready to fill the evening with their charming blend of sweet and strong sounds from their original songs that blend traditional and newgrass, jamgrass, and fun country-twang rock with the help of their acoustic instruments.

**Star Party**

**hosted by Northwest Suburban Astronomers**

**Saturday, October 5**  
6:00–10:00 p.m.  
Marengo Ridge, Marengo

This year Jupiter with its four moons, Saturn with its beautiful ring system, and even the distant gas giants Uranus and Neptune will be observable in the southern sky. NSA members will also be aiming their telescopes at globular and open star clusters in the Milky Way as well as at planetary nebulae and the Andromeda Galaxy.

Dress for evening and bring a flashlight covered with red plastic or cellophane (red light preserves everyone’s night vision) as well as insect repellent.

You are welcome to bring your own telescope or binoculars. NSA members will be happy to provide guidance in their use. In the event of inclement weather the event will be canceled.
Living History Events
Powers-Walker House, Glacial Park

No registration required
Drop in any time during event hours.

Archaeological Awareness
Sunday, September 15
Noon–4:00 p.m.
See a stone grinder, flintknapper, and other demonstrations of prehistoric skills. Try your hand at throwing an atlatl while pretending you are on a prehistoric big game hunt. A mounted cavalryman will also be on hand to explain archaeology of the Little Big Horn site. Archaeologists will describe how prehistoric technologies are discovered and interpreted. Examples of artifacts will be on display, including those found at the Powers-Walker House. Bring your own arrowheads or prehistoric tools for identification by professional archaeologists.

Twilight on the Farm
Wednesday, October 9, 6–8:00 p.m.
Enjoy the twilight ambiance of this 1850’s house by candlelight and lamplight while enjoying a fall evening viewing the ever-changing colors in the Lost Valley Marsh. Smell the aromas and see what is being baked in the wood-burning stove. We think of candlelight at the end of the day as peaceful, but have you tried doing detail work in dim lighting? See how the early settlers tried to get the remains of their work done at the end of the day.

Harvest Time in 1858
Sunday, November 3, Noon–4:00 p.m.
Step back in time to the 1850’s at harvest time. Try your hand at corn shelling, grinding corn into flour, or making a corn husk or yarn doll. Witness harvest activities like the baking of bread in the wood-burning cookstove and grinding herbs for winter use. Tour the historic farmhouse to learn more about its restoration, or visit with a Cavalry sergeant and his horse as they demonstrate the weapons of the era used to protect these frontier lands.
The Big Sit Bird Watching Event

Sunday, October 13, 6:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m.
Powers-Walker House—Glacial Park

Hosted by Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge & McHenry County Audubon Society with support from Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week at The Big Sit, an annual, international, noncompetitive birding event. The concept is simple: find a good spot for bird watching, sit in one spot for a designated time period, and count all the bird species you see or hear. The Big Sit falls in October when fall migration is in full swing.

Gather your closest bird-watching friends for a bird-a-thon, a perfect excuse to share good stories, meet new friends, enjoy the outdoors and appreciate our fine feathered friends. Stop by for a few minutes, stay a few hours or join the whole 12-hour sit. Bring a lawn chair and your binoculars and layered clothing. For more information visit Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge - hackmatacknwr.org.

Migration Madness

Migratory Madness Evening

Ages 14+
Wednesday, September 11, 5:30–8 p.m.
Glacial Park, Kettle Parking Lot, Ringwood
Fee: Free  Code: 6261

Join volunteer bird enthusiast Dave Miller on a search for migratory birds stopping over at Glacial Park. After the hike we’ll gather to compare notes and tally up all the species we spotted. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

VIP Sandhill Crane Experience

Ages 14+
Sunday, October 6, 5–8 p.m.
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Overlook Room, Glacial Park, Ringwood
Fee: R $30.00/NR $40.00  Code: 6266  Register by 10/3.

Sunset in the valley below the Lost Valley Visitor Center is made even more spectacular this time of year when the sandhill cranes gather on their migratory route southward. Graceful and majestic with a haunting call, these birds are perfectly situated below the windows of the Lost Valley Overlook Room. We will start your special evening with a presentation on the natural history of cranes, followed by plenty of time to watch and listen to the birds. Finally, we will cap off this wonderful evening with a catered dinner and camaraderie.
3rd Annual

Run Wild...

Race for Open Space 5K

Saturday, October 5

Hickory Grove Highlands | 500 Hickory Nut Grove Ln., Cary

Race Day overflow parking, Fel-Pro RRR, 1520 Crystal Lake Road, Cary

7–8:00 am  On-site Registration  (cash or check only)
8:30 am  Race Start
9:30 am  Awards (overall & age group)

Connect with your wild self on this run through wide open spaces in McHenry County!
Journey through woodland, prairie and wetland habitats. Enjoy the colors of fall with stunning views of wildflowers, grasses and towering oak and hickory trees along the wooded trail. This timed event features moderate terrain to provide an exciting and challenging experience for runners of all skill levels.

$35 (by 5p.m. Oct. 4) • $42 (Race Day) • $20 Youth 5–13  Includes t-shirt, race bib, and race day snacks.
To register, or for more information visit  bit.ly/RunWild5K-2019

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Sponsored by:
Donate a native tree or shrub in celebration, in memory, or in love of the woodlands. Through this program, we plan to restore and recreate the “big woods” of McHenry County. Just over one-third of the County’s land mass or approximately 143,000 acres was covered by some type of oak ecosystem in 1837. Today, less than 18,000 acres remain—an oak loss of over 87%, according to The Oaks of McHenry County.

Your donations of $50 will purchase and plant 2 native shrubs and/or trees. Donation details at: bit.ly/BigWoods

**Stoked About Oaks**  DROP-IN  
**Saturday, October 5, 1–3 p.m.**
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood  
Fee: Free  Code: 6290

Our oaks mean a lot to the folks of McHenry County! Bring the family out to help us celebrate the month of OAKtober with games like oak bingo, crafts and stories. Dress for the weather. We will be outside with the trees!

**Of Mice and Oak Trees**  Ages 14+  
**Tuesday, October 8, 7–8:30 p.m.**
Lost Valley Visitor Center, Savanna Room, Glacial Park, Ringwood  
Fee: Free  Code: 6209

Research Field Station Ecologist Dr. Tom Simpson will share the mystery of oak reproduction issues in his presentation, *Squirrels, Mice, and Oak Trees: How Very Little Creatures Impact the Reproduction of Very Big Trees*. Since the time of European settlement, we have lost 87% of our oak woods in McHenry County, and that trend has yet to stop. Not only are we losing tracts of oak woodland, but oak trees are not reproducing in many of the existing stands. Where reproduction has happened in the last 50 years, episodes are brief and often dominated by hill’s oak and red oak, even in situations in which most of the older trees are white oak. Our research looks at the causes of these peculiar phenomena by focusing on the role of several rodents in the reproduction of oak trees.

**OAKtober Planting Party!**
**Saturday, October 19**  
1:00–4:00 p.m.  FREE  
Marengo Ridge • 2411 N IL Route 23, Marengo

Bring back the Big Woods of McHenry County! Help us plant over 600 oak trees in the heart of Marengo Ridge! Invite your family and friends to come out and be part of history, as the District works to restore the oak ecosystems that once covered over a third of the County’s land mass. Travel along the rugged one mile trail to the restoration zone, where you can help plant trees, learn more about our keystone species, and enjoy a snack. Stop in any time or come for the whole afternoon. Be a part of this historic savanna’s fresh start!  
NOTE: There will be a limited quantity of oak trees for sale. (Cash or check only.)

**BIG WOODS**

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