



Family Adventure Hikes

Get the children out of the house and create your own adventure exploring the natural marvels of McHenry County. Staff will be available to provide suggestions, answer questions, and furnish supplies such as binoculars, field guides or magnifiers that will help you and your family create your own exploration experience.

Sunday, June 26, 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Hickory Grove Highlands
Code: 411151-01, FREE

Sunday, August 7, 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Coral Woods, Picnic Shelter
Code: 411158-01, FREE

Folktales by the Fire

Folktales may not always be factual about wildlife, but they often help us to learn more about animals and our relationship to them. Join us as we sort facts from fiction by telling stories of old around the campfire. You may wish to bring a blanket to sit on and insect repellent.

Thursday, June 30, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
Coral Woods
Code: 411253-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Summer Constellations Ages 8+

Through the use of pictures and story during an indoor presentation, you will learn to recognize a few summer constellations such as Hercules and Perseus. Then we will head outside to quietly relax under the summer night sky and look for these constellations along with other characters in their adventures. Come prepared to be outside for most of the evening and bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Friday, July 1, 8:00–10:00 p.m.
Pleasant Valley, Shelter #1,
Code: 411202-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Barn Full of Bats Ages 8+

After a fun and informative presentation, participants will hike through Glacial Park to observe bats flying out of a barn at dusk. Wear comfortable shoes for a 1 mile hike. Other arrangements can be made for those unable to walk the distance.

Tuesday, July 12, 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Code: 411303-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Fantastic Fireflies Ages 8+

Bring your picnic and dine on Prairieview's patio, which will be ready for your enjoyment 30 minutes prior to the program. We will provide a summertime dessert. Afterwards we will find out about the firefly life cycle and play games that help us learn more about these flashy creatures. The last half hour of the program will be spent enjoying the light show with your family. Bring a blanket and wear long pants and sleeves instead of insect repellent.

Saturday, July 16, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
Prairieview Education Center
Code: 411103-01, \$0 R/ \$3 NR

Summer Sunsets Campfire

Gather the family for an evening campfire program. Activities will include stories, songs, snacks and educational fun for the whole family!

Friday, July 22, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
Marengo Ridge, Shelter #1
Code: 411157-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

Cooking with the Sun

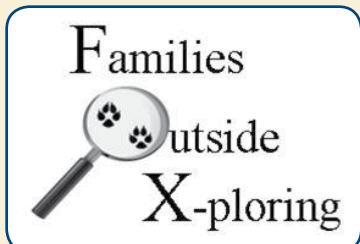
Come out and discover how to harness the sun's energy to cook food. Participants will make their own pizza box solar cooker and taste treats that have been cooked using the sun's energy!

Saturday, July 23, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Glacial Park, Lost Valley Visitor Center
Code: 411254-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR

FOX Club Picnic

Hey FOX Club! It is time for another nature adventure! Bring your own picnic dinner for your family and meet with others at the Lake Atwood shelter. After dinner, families will have time to explore along the trails, and maybe fish a little. Bring fishing poles and gear if you have it. Don't forget to bring along some extra water and bug spray.

Sunday, July 10, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
The Hollows, Lake Atwood Shelter
Code: 411203-01, FREE



The FOX Club is an incentive program for families with children, where they learn to enjoy spontaneous explorations in nature while discovering the natural history of McHenry County.

Saturday, June 18, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Fel Pro RRR
Code: 411101-01, FREE

Sunset Marsh Walk Ages 8+

The marsh is teeming with life, especially at dusk! Come to Glacial Park to hike around the marsh and learn about all the creatures that make the marsh their home.

Wednesday, July 27, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
Glacial Park, Kettle Lot
Code: 411255-01, \$0 R/ \$2 NR

Dinner and a Movie — Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey

Bring your own picnic dinner and enjoy a big screen outdoor theater presentation of "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey", the 1993 remake of the Disney classic. Your program fee covers beverages and snacks to go along with your picnic dinner. Make it a family weekend event and camp overnight at Thomas Woods campground. See the website for more information on camping.

Saturday, August 13, 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Marengo Ridge, Shelter #1
Code: 411307-01, \$2 R/ \$2.50 NR

Twilight Zone

As the sun goes down, Pleasant Valley comes alive with the sights and sounds of nature. Some animals will be preparing to bed down for the night – others will be just waking up. Join us for a hike through this beautiful site to learn more about twilight and all of its magic.

Tuesday, August 16, 7:30–9:00 p.m.
Pleasant Valley, Shelter #1,
Code: 411308-01, \$0 R/ \$2 NR

Insect Songs Ages 5+

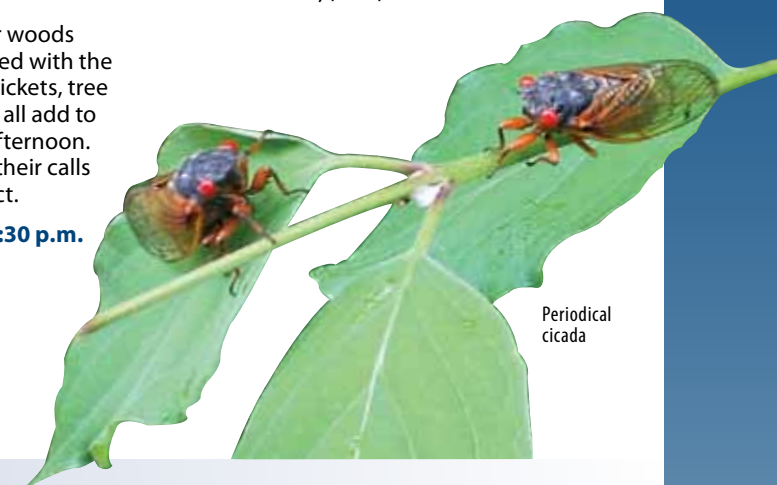
As the sun warms the summer woods and fields, the air becomes filled with the sound of insect songs. Field crickets, tree crickets, cicadas, and katydids all add to the cacophony of a summer afternoon. Together, we will learn about their calls and try to catch them in the act.

Saturday, August 27, 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Rush Creek, Picnic Shelter
Code: 411159-01, \$0 R/ \$2 NR

Monarchs and Milkweed

It is almost time for the majestic Monarch butterflies to begin their mass migrations south. A brief overview of Monarch butterflies, their life cycle, migration patterns, and programs that track their migrations will be presented. Following this presentation, we will walk the trails through the summer prairie in search of Monarchs and their larvae and learn more about their host plants and migration challenges.

Sunday, August 21, 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Prairieview Education Center
Code: 411206-01, \$0 R/ \$5 NR



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Canoe Programs



Due to the popularity of our canoe programs, we ask that you register for just one canoe program over the summer season. Thank You!

You Can Canoe Ages 5+

Learn basic paddling techniques, canoeing rules, regulations on licensing, and canoe safety in this canoeing clinic. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet! There will be plenty of practice time on the water. Choose either the morning or the afternoon session. Youth 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, June 4, Brookdale
Fee: \$6 R/ \$7.50 NR
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Code: 411250-01
1:30–4:30 p.m. Code: 411250-02

Family Canoe Trip Ages 5+

After a lesson on basic canoe safety, paddling techniques, and river canoeing, we will travel about seven miles down Nippersink Creek, a beautiful high-quality waterway within Glacial Park. We will stop for a picnic, so pack a sack lunch. Also bring plenty of water, sunscreen, bug spray, and wear shoes suitable for wading. Meet at Keystone Road Landing promptly at 9:00 am. NOTE: Children ages 5 & 6 must sit in the middle of the canoe.

Glacial Park, Keystone Road Landing
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$8 R/ \$10 NR
Saturday, July 30 Code: 411305-01
Saturday, August 20 Code: 411258-01

LOOKING FOR MORE YOUTH CANOEING OPPORTUNITIES?
See "Conservation Club for Teens", page 26 or Summer Camp offerings, page 25.

