PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

ILLINOIS

KANE-DUPAGE COUNTIES

2020-2021

Wheaton
Aurora
Lisle
Naperville
Batavia

A Guide to the Museums & Nature Centers in Kane & DuPage Counties

FIND YOUR HOMETOWN INSIDE!
Passport to Adventure is sponsored by Kane-DuPage Regional Museum Association.

At the time of Passport printing, May 2020, our institutions have been responding to current health practices of closures and social distancing. **Please check-out each museums’ website or call for current hours of operations prior to visiting.** Thank you.

Hello Passport Adventurers!

This year will be different from any other. Your community museums and nature centers are excited to welcome you back in the safest way possible.

Sites are arranged alphabetically by city and an index by subject is in the back.

Visit 6 sites from now through April 2021, mail in the stamp page by May 15th for entry into the gift card drawing.

Post your adventure on social media using #passport2museums

Visit KDRMA.org for more information.
Hola Pasaportes Aventureros!

Este año será diferente a cualquier otro. Los museos y centros naturales de su comunidad están encantados de darle la bienvenida de la manera más segura posible.

Los sitios están ordenados alfabéticamente por ciudad y un índice por tema está en la parte posterior.

Visite 6 sitios desde ahora hasta abril de 2021, envíe por correo la página del sello antes del 15 de mayo para ingresar al sorteo de la tarjeta de regalo.

Publique su aventura en las redes sociales usando #passport2museums

Winners will be announced on Facebook by May 30, 2021.
We will contact winners with the information below.

Youth Name
Age

Adult Guardian Name

Email

Phone City

Mail entry to: First Division Museum
ATTN: Melissa Tyer
1S151 Winfield Road
Wheaton, IL 60189
Believe in your Selfie!

#PASSPORT2MUSEUMS

Please use our hashtag on Social Media

The Aurora Grand Army of the Republic Museum recently completed the final phase of a 15-year restoration project, reopening in July 2020. For over 80 years, the Gothic Revival structure has operated as a museum honoring the military service members from Aurora and Kane County, and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Main Level tells the story of the brave Aurorans who fought in the Civil War to preserve the Union and abolish slavery. The new Lower Level exhibits will provide a local view of America’s conflicts since the Civil War. History happens here!
Addison Historical Museum

135 W. Army Trail Blvd.
Addison
630-628-1433

www.addisonadvantage.org/visitors/history_2/museum_buildings.php

Located within the Historical District of Addison, the Addison Historical Museum includes the 1892 Balzer House which features displays on local history, the 1932 Coach House which presents dioramas and exhibits on Addison’s farming heritage, and the 1893 Century House, once the home of Lutheran School teachers and their families, which is now restored to the 19th to early 20th century period.

* Hours:
  **September 1 - May 31**
  Wednesday, 12pm - 4pm
  Friday, 12pm - 4pm
  **June 1 - August 31**
  Wednesday, 12pm - 4pm
  Thursday, 6pm - 8pm
  Friday, 12pm - 4pm

Museum is also open for Special Events and Group Tours

Village of Addison
2020 Special Events
Friendship Plaza, Addison

Memorial Day Events, Monday, May 25

Rock 'n Wheels & Museum Craft Fair, Thursdays, June - August

‘Addison By the Slice’/National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 4

Addison-Medinah Shriners Parade and After Party, Sunday, Aug. 30

Harvest Fest, Thursdays, Sept. 17 & 24

Christmas Tree Lighting & Museum Holiday Craft Fair, Friday, Dec. 4 & Saturday, Dec. 5

Santa Brunch, Sunday, Dec. 6

All events are free
ItHappensInAddison.com
Tanner House Museum

www.aurorahistory.net

Built in 1857, this Italianate-style house was home to prominent Aurora Merchant William Tanner, his wife Anna and their children. The house features high ceilings, oak grained woodwork and ornate plaster decoration, as well as period furnishings.

Call or visit our website for potential changes in open days/hours and exhibit/event schedule.

www.facebook.com/AuroraHistory

Tanner House Holidays in December Dates and times to be announced

David L. Pierce Art & History Center

www.aurorahistory.net

The Aurora Historical Society and the Aurora Public Art Commission share the building, generously provided by the City of Aurora. Three floors, featuring The Aurora Story permanent history exhibit, changing art and history exhibits, and a Gift Shop.

Call or visit our website for potential changes in open days/hours and exhibit/event schedule.

www.facebook.com/AuroraHistory

David L. Pierce Art & History Center
20 E. Downer Place
Aurora
630-906-0650
SciTech Hands On Museum
www.scitechmuseum.org

Come explore over 200 interactive STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) exhibits which inspire learning and imagination!
SciTech offers field trips, sleepovers, scout programs, birthday parties and summer camp. Don’t forget to visit the STEAMart to purchase gifts, gadgets, and gizmos for your budding scientist.
SciTech Summer Adventure Camps offer unique Hands On STEAM-based programs for campers as young as age 3 up through 8th grade. All camps are led by teachers, local entrepreneurs, and scientists, and maintain a ration of 1:7. Before and After Care is available.
For more information and registration visit www.scitechmuseum.org/programs

SciTech Hands On Museum
18 W. Benton Street
Aurora
630-859-3434
Aurora Regional Fire Museum

www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org

Located in Aurora’s old Central Fire Station, the Aurora Regional Fire Museum features a variety of hands-on interactive exhibits designed to educate and entertain children, adults, and families. Our permanent exhibit includes five piece of antique fire apparatus from the Aurora Fire Department, and a variety of changing displays. The Museum also provides group tours, scout programs, and rental space perfect for any occasion. Make sure to check out our recently added children’s Discovery Room and Education Room.

**Memorial Day-Labor Day
Tues- Sat, 10am- 4pm**

Blackberry Farm

www.blackberryfarm.info

This living history park has something for everyone. Explore life in a pioneer cabin, see the blacksmith working in his shop, and learn about what life was like for pioneer children in our one room school house. Enjoy rides on the carousel, train, wagon, and the ponies. No visit is complete without stopping to say hello to Blackberry Super Star, Olivia the Pig! Season Passes are available.

**Please visit blackberryfarm.info for detailed hours of operation.**
The mission of the Schingoethe Center of Aurora University is to foster inquiry, celebrate artistic excellence, preserve and perpetuate Native American cultures, and inspire a lifelong engagement with the visual arts. The museum is known for its Native American collection, which spans prehistory through the present. The museum also holds a collection of non-Native American art, much of which is by regional artists.

Bartlett History Museum

Let’s take a look at Bartlett’s history and learn how it relates to Illinois’ history. Topics include the Suffragette movement, food, farming, sports, railroads, world’s fairs, architecture and more. Did you know Illinois was one of the first states ratify the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote! There is lots of hands-on for kids of all ages to enjoy!
Check out our two new exhibits with plenty of hands-on fun and learning. Did you know Bartlett resident and Metra employee Mark Llanuza’s photos are featured on Metra’s monthly passes? See the gallery of his work and the passes Metra has produced using them.

“Next Stop Spaulding! A Community Lost to Time,” tells the story of Spaulding, formerly just west of Bartlett, which was formed by the junctions of two railroads.

* Hours: Vary by season;
  June 1–August 31: Tuesday & Thursday, 10am–5pm
  1st & 3rd Saturday, 9am–12pm
  Closed July 4th, Sept. 5th
  Other months, refer to website
  Please check website for updated hours before visiting

Bartlett Depot Museum
100 W. Railroad Avenue
Bartlett
630-837-0800

www.village.il.us/our-community/village-of-bartlett-museums

View Online Collection
https://bartlettmuseums.pastperfectonline.com
Bartlett Nature Center
A Facility of Bartlett Park District
www.bartlettparks.org/bartlett-nature-center/

Come and explore! There’s so much to see and do in one area. View our collection of live reptiles, including our 150lb Brumese Python. We also have other nature and educational displays. Hike, or bike, on our 4 miles of paths and catch a glimpse of a near-by beaver dam. The Nature Center offers summer camps for ages 3-13, school fieldtrips, scouting programs, overnights for youth groups, archery, birthday parties, and rentals.

Bartlett Nature Center
In James “Pate” Philip State Park
2054 W. Stearns Road
Bartlett
847-608-3120

Arts in Bartlett
Center for the Arts
www.artsinbartlett.org

The Bartlett Center for the Arts is just south of the Metra Station in Town Center. Tour our art and gift gallery to see works created by local artists. Create your own art project. Arts in Bartlett, the local arts council, provides opportunities for visual and performing artists, including gallery shows, Global Arts Festival, performances, adult workshops and networking. It offers children art lessons and summer camps, and piano, voice, violin, cello, and guitar lessons.

Arts in Bartlett
215 S. Main Street in Town Center
Bartlett
630-372-4152
Batavia Depot Museum
www.batavihistoricalsociety.org

Exhibits relating to railroad history, Mary Todd Lincoln and local history are housed in a 1854 Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad Depot. Other buildings include turn-of-the-century gazebo, Burlington Caboose and 1856 bank. Located next to the Fox River Trail Bike Path and Batavia Riverwalk.

* Hours: Open March–November
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 2pm–4pm

Summer hours (June- August)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2pm-4pm
Saturday & Sunday 12pm–4pm

Group tours by appointment

Batavia Depot Museum
155 Houston Street
Batavia
630-406-5274
Fischer Farm Museum

www.BvilleParks.org

Fischer Farm is believed to be one of the oldest remaining homesteads in the county. The Fischer’s established their homestead and built the 1st structure, the log house, in November of 1836. The Fischer’s built barns and a large farm house in 1919. The farm house is a museum with a large collection of artifacts, many of the artifacts are original to the family. Visitors also enjoy the five acres of nature preserve for picnicking, recreation, and photo opportunities. Tours and rentals are available.

Fischer Farm Museum
16W680 Grand Avenue
Bensenville
630-834-3152

Experience our Programming
Explore the Buildings
Connect with History

EVENTS AT THE FARM
Movies in the Park - June 27
Farmside Yard Sale - July 18
Family Campout – July 24 & 25
Harvest Fest – October 3

MEET THE GOATS
Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat at 2pm
Weather permitting. Saturday’s summer only.

Hours:
Summer Hours: M, W, F, Sa: 12-4pm
Fall/Winter/Spring Hours: M, W, F: 12-4pm

Admission: Donations Appreciated
**Bloomingdale Park District Museum**

**www.bloomingdaleparks.org**

| Access | YES | Hours: | Seasonal-only when exhibits open
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**Garfield Farm Museum**

**www.garfieldfarm.org**

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**The most intact 1840’s farm and teamster inn of the Midwest (370 acres) being restored as a working farm. Tour includes 1846 inn, 1842 hay barn, 1849 horse barn reconstructed 1847 poultry house. Animals include historic breeds of poultry, hogs, sheep and oxen. Historic gardens & prairie, woodlands & wetlands.**

**Bloomingdale Park District Museum**

108 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale
630-339-3570

**Garfield Farm Museum**

3N016 Garfield Road (at Rt. 38)
Campton Hills
630-584-8485

**Constructed in 1849, the Bloomingdale Park District Museum has served as a church, school, town hall, and jail. The beautifully refurbished Museum is the village’s oldest public building. Located in the quaint and charming Old Town district, the Museum houses art shows year round, including local and national exhibits, various collections, and historic artifacts. Museum is closed between exhibits. Please call before visiting.**
Engage your imagination and your senses with our comprehensive indoor displays. Meet our resident turtles, snakes, bearded dragons, and more. Enjoy our unique natural playground, bee apiary, miles or trails, and four fishing ponds. Experience Hidden Oaks from our beautiful green roof. Join us for an overnight Snore & Explore experience, nature or science themed birthday party, or rent our space for a shower, family party, or business meeting.

*Hours:
**April 1 - October 31**
Mon-Sat, 9am–5pm
Sun, 12pm–5pm

**November 1 - March 31**
Mon-Sat, 9am–4pm
Sun, 11am–4pm

Hidden Oaks Nature Center
419 Trout Farm Road
Bolingbrook
630-739-2600

The Downers Grove Museum is dedicated to preserving the history of Downers Grove, Illinois with year-round educational programming and nearly 80,000 artifacts. Visit the permanent exhibits in the Victorian Blodgett house, which illustrate life in Downers Grove in the 1890s. Then, make your way to our barn which houses our temporary exhibits as well as a permanent exhibit celebrating the history of the Downers Grove Fire Department, including their 1920s original fire engine.

*Hours:
**Sep. 1 - May 31**
Tuesday - Friday, 12-4pm
Saturday, 10am-4pm

**June 1 - Aug. 31**
Monday - Friday, 12-4pm
Saturday, 10am-4pm

Downers Grove Museum
831 Maple Ave.
Downers Grove
630-963-1309
Elgin History Museum

www.elginhistory.org

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Explore Elgin’s rich heritage through two floors of interactive exhibits. You can almost hear the watch ticking at the Elgin National Watch Company, get behind the wheel of an Elgin Road Race car, and feel the beat of the Hiawatha Pageant. Kids will have fun tending shop at Kretchmer’s grocery store, and packing James Gifford’s wagon at his log cabin. Ask about the all-ages scavenger hunt.

Tours in Spanish are offered on every third Saturday of the month at 11am and 1pm.

Elmhurst Art Museum

www.elmhurstartmuseum.org

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Elmhurst Art Museum’s award-winning modern museum incorporates the Ludwig Mies van der Rohe - designed McCormick House, one of three such residences designed by the internationally known architect, and contains art galleries, an education center and a variety of outdoor sculpture. Visit the EAM website for more information on exhibitions and programs.

Elgin History Museum

360 Park Street
Elgin
847-742-4248

Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill Avenue
Elmhurst
630-834-0202
Elmhurst History Museum
www.elmhursthistory.org

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Free

Take a nostalgic trip exploring the history of summer vacations with The Great Midwestern Road Trip exhibit. Learn about iconic destinations, roadside attractions, resorts, tourist traps and more. Hands-on stations for kids include a pack-the-car game and road trip bingo.

Visit www.elmhursthistory.org for info on family programs including Museum Maker Mondays (6/29, 7/13 and 8/10), Vintage Baseball Game (6/14) and Rockin’ Road Trip Car Show & Concert (7/11).

Geneva History Museum
www.genevahistorymuseum.org

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$3/Person

$2/Children ages 3 to 10

Geneva History Museum is passionate about collecting, preserving and educating the community about Geneva’s rich history.


Feature Gallery: “Disaster & Destruction Hit Geneva” a photographic exhibition highlighting tornados, fire, snowstorms and floods that have rocked this city. Thru November 7.

Main Gallery: “Geneva’s Story” with rare artifacts, models of Geneva buildings, iPad stations with inter-actives and a replica of Geneva’s Fargo Theatre featuring short videos. Ask about the scavenger hunt!
Fabyan Japanese Garden
www.ppfv.org

Stroll this 1-acre renovated Japanese tea garden, originally designed in 1910 for Colonel George and Nelle Fabyan as part of their Riverbank Estate. Explore and enjoy a self-guided tour. Winding paths will lead to an original tea house and moon bridge over the lily-pad covered pond, lined by bursts of greenery and Japanese-inspired plants and trees. Operated by Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley. Group tours available year-round by appointment.

Colonel George & Nelle Fabyan were wealthy and eccentric characters who lived in this Frank Lloyd Wright remodeled villa from 1907-1939. Explore the Fabyan Estate. Learn how the Colonel got his samurai suit, his bears and alligators, and greet his mako shark. Discover the history behind the Fabyan mummy. Uncover the secrets of code-breaking at Riverbank Laboratories. Operated by Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley. Group tours available year-round by appointment.
Stacy’s Tavern Museum
www.GlenEllynHistory.org

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Hours: Wed & Sat, 1:30pm–4:30pm
Last tour begins at 3:45pm

Authentic restoration of an 1846 stagecoach inn on its original foundation, with smokehouse and privy. Guided museum tours, Stacy’s Corners Store gift shop, and Glen Ellyn History Center.

Guided tours leave from the History Center. Group tours - please call ahead.

+ 1 mile
* 1st floor only

Willowbrook Wildlife Center
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
www.dupageforest.org

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Hours: 7 days a week, 9am–5pm. Closed on holidays.

Willowbrook Wildlife Center features indoor and outdoor exhibits of permanently disabled wild animals native to DuPage County. Viewing windows into the baby nursery and animal diet kitchen give visitors a glimpse into a wildlife hospital and rehabilitation center. A beautifully landscaped butterfly garden and nature trail are available to explore.
Hinsdale History Museum
www.hinsdalehistory.org

Depicting life of a middle class family living in Hinsdale between 1874 and 1900, this historic home includes seven authentically restored period settings filled with hundreds of objects donated by local residents, an exhibit gallery, and program space. Learn what it was like to live in a growing local community within the larger context of Chicago, Illinois, and the United States.

Salvation Army Central Territory Historical Museum
www.uschistoricalmuseum.org

The museum offers guided tours of its exhibits which highlight the Salvation Army’s work and ministry in the Midwest from 1880 to the present. Featured exhibits include an overview of The Salvation Army in the Midwest, a virtual trip to Salvation Army “sleep away” camp, treasures from a Salvation Army family and more!

Note: Building entrance is on west side by the flagpoles.
Itasca Historical Depot Museum
www.itascaparkdistrict.com/museum

Visit the oldest public building in Itasca! In 1873, Dr. Elijah Smith donated land to the railroad to entice them to lay tracks through the village. He spent $400 to construct the Depot, which has recently been restored to its original 1873 appearance. A 1939 Milwaukee Road Rib Side Caboose rests on the museum grounds. Enjoy historic exhibits and an interactive train display. Visit the Springbrook Nature Center next door!

* Hours:
Memorial Day through Labor Day
Tuesday and Thursday, 11am–4pm
Wednesday, 3:30pm–8:30pm
Saturday and Sunday, 10am–3pm
Please call for winter hours.

Itasca’s Springbrook Nature Center
www.itascaparkdistrict.com/nature

View our nine resident raptors including Red-Tailed Hawks, Owls, and a Turkey Vulture outside all year round. Enjoy three miles of hiking and concrete paths that include woodlands, prairies and marshes with Springbrook Creek rushing by. In 1980 the Village, Park District and School District created this facility to provide education, conservation, and open space with preserved natural habitats. Stop by the Depot Museum and Itasca Waterpark, right next door!
The Museums at Lisle Station Park
www.lisleparkdistrict.org/museumsatlislestationpark

At The Museums at Lisle Station Park, you’ll have the opportunity to learn about the history and culture of Northern Illinois. We provide a place for people to gather and enjoy Lisle’s history through tours of historic structures, field trips, research opportunities, themed parties, and special community events.

A cooperative effort of the Lisle Park District, Lisle Heritage Society, and the Village of Lisle, the partnership is committed to preserving and interpreting the dynamic history of Lisle to inspire and involve the community through research, programs and exhibits.

* Tour Hours: September 1 - May 31
  Tues & Sat: 10am, 11am, 12pm

Summer Tour Hours: June 1 - August 31
  Tues & Sat: 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
  Thurs: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm

Tours are also available by appointment

The Morton Arboretum
www.mortonarb.org

Human+Nature
June 12, 2020 – June 2021

Human+Nature (pronounced: Human Nature), will highlight the deep connections between people and trees. Five, 20 foot-tall sculptures have been created by South African artist, Daniel Popper from reclaimed wood, ⅛” plywood, fiberglass & natural objects. They have been crafted especially for Arboretum visitors.

The Arboretum is open year-round with 1700 acres to explore.

Our Children’s Garden area closes during severe weather.

The Morton Arboretum
4100 Illinois Route 53, (just north of I-88)
Lisle
630-968-0074
Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum
at Benedictine University
www.ben.edu/museum

Access: YES
Admission: Free, donations appreciated
Hours: Seasonal
*See Below

The Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum exhibits over 3,500 specimens focused on zoology, botany, geology and environmental stewardship. Explore the museum with a variety of scavenger hunts and activity pages to guide your visit! Free group tours, fieldtrips, scout programs, and outreach are available by appointment. See our website for details on our Discovery Box Loan Program. Follow us on Facebook to stay updated on free events!

* Hours:
  June–July: Tues–Thurs, 1pm–4pm, or by appointment
  Sept–Apr: Mon–Thurs, 1pm–5pm, and Fri–Sun, 2pm–4pm
  Open by appointment only in May and August. Please call ahead.

Sheldon Peck Homestead
www.lombardhistory.org

Access: YES
Admission: Suggested donation: $2
Hours: Seasonal
*See Below

Sheldon Peck was a radical abolitionist and an itinerant folk artist. Built in 1839, the Sheldon Peck Homestead is the oldest house in Lombard, the first school and a verified site on the National Park Service Underground Network to Freedom. The museum includes an experiential “Pioneer Playhouse” that evokes pioneer life for children, a folk art exhibit featuring Sheldon Peck’s work as an itinerant folk artist with an original Peck portrait, an Underground Railroad Exhibit and an accessible garden.

*Please refer to the website for scheduled events. Group tours by appointment.

* Hours:
  February - November
  Tuesday & Thursday, 1pm–4pm
  Saturday, 10am–2pm

+1/2 Mile

Sheldon Peck Homestead
355 E. Parkside Avenue
Lombard
630-629-1885
A visit to the Victorian Cottage Historic House Museum allows you to experience life in the Victorian Era. Built in 1883 by Newell Matson as a rental property, the Cottage has been completely refurbished to be historically accurate using fascinating and unique period artifacts. The adjacent Carriage House Museum features a permanent Lombard History exhibit spotlighting the DuPage Theater, Lilac Time, rotating topical exhibits and a gift shop.

*Please refer to the website for scheduled events. Group tours by appointment.

**Hours:**
* March – December
  - Wednesday & Friday, 1pm–4pm
  - Saturday 10am – 2pm

**Admission:**
- Suggested donation: $2

*See Below

Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy the music!

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL CONCERTS**

TUESDAYS from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Victorian Cottage Gazebo
June 9, 23; July 14, 28
August 11, 25;
(Rain Date: September 1)

* FREE Dilly Bar for First 30 people each week.

**Park & Pick up your FREE coupon for a DQ Dilly Bar at the Lombard Historical Society.**

*Offer good at the Lombard Dairy Queen at 205 S. Main Street only

**Lombard Historical Society William J. Mueller Gazebo**
23 W. Maple Street, Lombard, IL 60148  lombardhistory.org
info@lombardhistory.org  630.629.1885

**Thursday Nights at the Peck—S’mores, Camp Fires & Music!**
## Knoch Knolls Nature Center

Visit our award-winning Knoch Knolls Nature Center located in historic Knoch Knolls Park! View the informative exhibits that feature an interactive video, 900-gallon native fish tank, a living wall featuring live plants and a rainwater collection cistern. Located in 224-acre Knoch Knolls Park with over 5 miles of multi-use trails, the building also features a public restroom, a spacious outdoor deck with a panoramic view and a nature-themed playground. Visit napervilleparks.org to learn about Knoch Knolls Nature Center and all it has to offer guests of all ages!

* Hours:
  - **March-October**
    - Mon-Sat, 9am–5pm
    - Sun, 12pm–5pm
  - **November-February**
    - Mon-Fri 9am-4pm
    - Sat, 10am-3pm
    - Sun, 11am-3pm
  - **Dec-Feb** Closed Sundays

### The McDonald Farm

McDonald Farm is more than home base for The Conservation Foundation’s regional conservation efforts. It’s an educational tool we use to teach the community about our mission. On-the-ground examples of rainwater harvesting, permeable pavers, butterfly and rain gardens, and rain barrels show people how to live in concert with nature. Our Green Earth Harvest program grows organic vegetables in an earth-friendly way to educate about nature nutrition, and caring for the earth.

### The McDonald Farm

- **Address:** 10s404 Knoch Knolls Road
- **City:** Naperville
- **Phone:** 630-428-4500

### Knoch Knolls Nature Center

- **Address:** 320 Knoch Knolls Road
- **City:** Naperville
- **Phone:** 630-864-3965

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DuPage Children’s Museum
301 N Washington St.
Naperville
630-637-8000

www.dupagechildrens.org

Play MORE this Summer!
Explore, create, build, wonder, discover, think, and PLAY! Every visit to DuPage Children’s Museum is a new adventure that will spark curiosity, inspire creativity, and lead to new discoveries. “Fly” through the Wind Tunnel, make a splash in AWEsome Water, create unique art in The Studio, test your skill at making GIANT bubbles, refuel in Bean Sprouts Café, and more. The possibilities are endless. Plan your visit! dupagechildrens.org

* Summer hours:
June 1 - September 6
Monday - Friday | 9am - 4pm
Saturday - Sunday | 9am - 5pm

DuPage Children’s Museum
301 North Washington Street
Naperville, Illinois 60540
P 630 637 8000
dupagechildrens.org

SUMMER IS BUSY.
Take time.

CREATE lasting memories.

REDISCOVER the joy of play.

PLAN YOUR VISIT TODAY!
Naper Settlement

www.napersettlement.org

Hours: Seasonal
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Admission: $12 Adults (13+), $10 Seniors (62+), $8 Youth (4-12); Naperville residents, members, and children under 4 are free.
Proud program partner of Blue Star Museums & Museums for All – see website for more info.

Step back in time to 1852 and explore four floors of amazing exhibits! Learn about pioneer life on the Illinois prairie and the Underground Railroad. Try your hand at spinning wool and weaving. Help our miller grind corn. Come see our two 1-ton French buhrstones grind!

Ask the hostess for a scavenger hunt sheet. We’re hands-on fun for all ages!

Naper Settlement is home to 13 magnificent acres of land with 31 historical structures dating back as early as the 1830’s. This year, check out our Herstory programming, Herstory Weekend, and more! Have a picnic, splash in the Harvard Early Learning Playscape, see our beautiful mansion, Pinecraig, smell the fire in the Log House, hear the clanging of the Blacksmith, and try out one of our 5 new activity carts sure to make history come alive!

For even more fun, Camp Naper returns this summer from June 1-July 30 for grades 1-8. Follow us on Twitter or Facebook to find out what’s new at historic Naper Settlement, where history comes to play.

* Hours:
April–October
Tues–Sat, 10am–4pm
Sun, 1–4pm
November–March
Tues–Fri, 10am–4pm

Graue Mill and Museum

www.grauemill.org

Hours: Tuesday - Sunday and Holiday Mondays
10am - 4:30pm

Admission: $5.00 Adults, $2 Ages 4-12, Free Age 3 & under, $4 Seniors

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Buildings open for touring during summer season. Visitor Center and Galleries open year round.
### Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

- **Address:** 1220 Kensington Road, Oak Brook
- **Phone:** 630-833-1616
- **Admission:** $10 Adults; $8 Seniors; $5 Students, teens, children ages 7-12; Children 6 and under are free
- **Access:** YES
- **Hours:** Closed Monday; Tue-Sat, 10am–5pm; Sun, 12pm–4pm
- **Website:** [www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)

All ages will enjoy this Museum dedicated to the beauty of stone carving and the mysteries of earth science. The Museum houses a large collection of Chinese jade and other stone carvings from around the world. Other displays include animal dioramas, mineral specimens, gemstones and the Rock and Mineral Experience. The Museum Shop offers a variety of educational items.

### Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center

- **Address:** 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook
- **Phone:** 630-850-8110
- **Admission:** Free
- **Access:** YES
- **Hours:** Sun, 1-5pm; Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Closed on major holidays
- **Website:** [www.dupageforest.org/fullersburg-woods-nature-education-center](http://www.dupageforest.org/fullersburg-woods-nature-education-center)

Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center is where everyone can have fun learning about DuPage County’s wildlife and local history. Whether it’s the child-friendly, hands-on exhibits or a scenic hike in our oak forest along Salt Creek, Fullersburg Woods has become a favorite destination of families for generations. Start your own family tradition! Like us on Facebook!!
Lake View Nature Center

www.obtpd.org

The Lake View Nature Center is a hidden oasis nestled in Terrace View Park. We offer in-house programs for all ages, as well as school field trips, community group trips, scouting programs, birthday parties, and outreach programs. During our open houses, you can check out our cool critters, including snakes, turtles, walking sticks, hissing cockroaches, and quails!

Open to public on the following days this summer!
Friday, May 15, 5-8pm
Friday, June 5, 5-8pm
Friday, June 19, 5-8pm
Friday, July 17, 5-8pm
Friday, August 7, 5-8pm
Friday, August 21, 5-8pm

Lake View Nature Center
17W063 Hodges Road
Oakbrook Terrace
630-941-8747

Donations Appreciated
Admission:

Nature Center
GRAND RE-OPENING!

Friday, June 5, 5:30-8:30pm

New look, new classes, new animals – we have so many new and exciting things to share with you at the Lake View Nature Center! Kick off your summer with this FREE family event, where you will enjoy animal encounters, fishing demos, nature walks, games, crafts, and a cozy campfire at dusk. No registration needed, and all ages are welcome.
Little White School Museum

www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org

Admission: NO
Access: YES
Donations Appreciated

Hours: Mon - Sat, 10am–5pm
Sun, 12pm–5pm

Experience “Where Oswego History Lives!” Built in 1850 as a Methodist-Episcopal Church, starting in 1915, Little White School Museum went on to spend nearly 50 years as a public school. It now serves as a community museum. Tour the newly renovated award-winning gallery, immerse yourself in an interactive experience, try your hand at an I-Spy activity, or visit the extensive archives. Enjoy the adjacent Heritage Park and the Heritage Garden, originally created by community residents who shared favorite perennials from their own gardens. Located near Downtown Oswego and the Fox River Trail.

Sumner House and Richter House

www.rosellehistory.com

Admission: Free

Hours: Sun, 2pm–4pm
Group tours by appointment.

Roselle’s historic Sumner House features various exhibits including: General Store, Barbershop, Vintage toys and Farm equipment and a Military room. The Richter House, built in 1878, has been lovingly restored to represent a Roselle working man’s home during the 1920’s.
**1843 Durant House**
LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve
37W700 Dean Street
St. Charles
630-377-6424

www.ppfv.org

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Admission: $2 Suggested for Adults

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Authentically restored and furnished 1843 prairie farmhouse with an 1880’s kitchen addition. Costumed interpreters engage visitors in hands-on, 19th century farm life games and activities. Visit our website for special events throughout the year. Operated by Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley. Group tours available year-round by appointment.

* Hours: 1pm–4pm
June-July: Thursdays
June-August: Sundays**
**Closed to the public on August 2 for Farm to Table event

Open Special Events:
June 21
July 19
August 30
September 27

**Sholes School**
LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve
37W700 Dean Street
St. Charles
630-377-6424

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Visitors can go back to the years of a one-room schoolhouse. Your teacher will share lessons and games from 1872. Sholes is also used as a living history museum where classes or groups can experience a day of learning and play. Operated by Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley. Group tours available year-round by appointment.

* Hours: 1pm–4pm
June-July: Thursdays
June-August: Sundays**
**Closed to the public on August 2 for Farm to Table event

Open Special Events:
June 21
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September 27

**Sholes School**
LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve
37W700 Dean Street
St. Charles
630-377-6424
St. Charles History Museum
www.stcmuseum.org

Established in 1933, the St. Charles History Museum is in the historic 1928 McCorran Oil Company building located on Main Street. Discover the rich history of St. Charles by exploring our updated core exhibit which tells the story of St. Charles. The Museum also features rotating temporary exhibits throughout the year. Visitors can shop the Curious Fox Gift Shop as well as explore our outdoor exhibits and gardens. For more information regarding our temporary exhibits or programs please visit our website.

* Hours:
Closed Sundays & Mondays and all major holidays
Closed January

Creek Bend Nature Center
www.KaneForest.com

Creek Bend Nature Center is located in a beautiful setting along Ferson Creek in LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve. The center features interactive exhibits, displays, and hands-on learning activities for all ages. A children’s discovery area provides fun, nature-themed puzzles, books, puppets and more! There is easy access to trails to creek, woods, and prairies.
Featuring Fox Valley’s natural treasures! Explore scenic woodland, wetland, and prairie habitats along 3+ miles of natural area trails to discover unique flora and fauna. Live animal displays, including the state-endangered Blanding’s turtle, offer guests up close interaction with reptiles native to Illinois. Nature programs and special events provide people of all ages with many educational and social opportunities to connect to our local environment.

Visit Each Season for Different Experiences
Hickory Knolls is home to many bird species. Watch red cardinals frolic in the trees against a snowy background. Smell and see the spring flowers bloom or the tall prairie flourish in the natural area. Fall is a busy time for critters while they gather nuts and prepare for winter.

Summer Nature Camps • All Ages
No matter what your outdoor interest, Hickory Knolls has a nature adventure just for you ... reptile encounters, playing in the dirt, wading in the creeks, discovering various insects & tiny creatures, finding animal tracks, practicing survival skills, creating nature art projects & more!
Camp sessions held June-August. Advance registration required.

Hickory Hideout • Open Daily, Dawn to Dusk
This outdoor space provides positive, hands-on experiences in nature where kids — and parents — can discover unstructured fun ... find all sorts of critters, dig for buried treasure or maybe make some music with sticks and a hollow log.

Mark Your Calendar! Advance Registration Required!

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Programs also available for school groups, daycares, preschools, scout troops and senior centers!
For up-to-date details on events & programs: stcnature.org
Primrose Farm

www.primrosefarmpark.com

Experience farm life! Explore restored farm buildings, visit with farm animals and agricultural interpreters, stroll through 100+ acres of rural landscape, or climb up on a vintage tractor near the fruit orchard. Exciting and educational activities await you in the farmyard! Drop-in programs offered weekdays and Saturdays: hand-milk a Jersey cow, gather eggs from the chicken coop, groom a draft horse, or feed the animals. Custom group programs and birthday party packages available, too.

Primrose Farm, St. Charles

Great learning & discovery opportunities for families, scout troops and school field trips!

Summer Farm Camps • Animal Meet & Greets
Coffee & Cows Playgroup • Garden Plots
Historic Farm Demonstrations & More...

Mark Your Calendar! Advance Registration Required; Fees per person
Barn Dance - May 16, 6-10pm • $15
Primrose Palette - Jun 6, Jul 11 & Aug 8, 7-9pm • RES $25/NR $38
Farmyard Campout - Jun 19-20, 6pm-9:30am • RES $15/NR $23
American Girl Outing - Jul 11, 11-1pm • RES $15/NR $23
Farm Frolic - Sep 19, 11-3pm • $7/ages 3+
Fall Harvest Dance - Sep 19, 5-8pm • $12
Moonlight Hayrides - Fri/Sat, Oct 2-17 • 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30pm • RES $8/NR $12
Escape the Barn - Oct 16-17, 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30pm • RES $20/NR $30

Drop-In Programs
Feed the Goats 1pm Every Mon & Wed RES $1/NR $2
Feed the Chickens 10am Every Tue & Thu RES $1/NR $2
Hands-on Milking 10am Every Wed & Sat RES $5/NR $8
Chicken & Egg 11am Every Wed & Sat RES $5/NR $8
Hold Your Horses 2pm 1st & 3rd Sat RES $5/NR $8
Feed the Animals 2pm 2nd & 4th Sat RES $5/NR $8

For up-to-date details on events & programs:
primrosefarmpark.com

Primrose Farm
5N726 Crane Road
St. Charles
630-513-4370

Access: YES
Donations Appreciated
Hours: Grounds open
dawn to dusk - Office open
Mon–Sat, 8am–3pm

Primrose Farmpark
Villa Park Historical Museum

www.vphistoricalsociety.org

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Villa Park Historical Museum is located in a former CA&E Train Station built in 1929 and placed on The National Register of Historic Places in 1986. View Villa Park history exhibits, Sears mail order houses, Ovaltine and CA&E railway memorabilia, 1930’s kitchen display, furnished doll house and local history reference library. There are new exhibits every year.

* Hours:
  April to mid-December:
  Tuesday–Friday, 11am - 3pm
  Saturday–Sunday, 10am - 4pm

Warrenville Historical Museum & Art Gallery

www.warrenvillehistorical.org

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The Museum is located in the 1858 Greek Revival Methodist Church that was later used as an art studio by Adam Albright and his twin sons-Ivan and Malvin. The Art Gallery features paintings and digital reproductions of Albright works and pieces from the Albright-inspired Artist-in-Residency Program. Other exhibits feature the Warren family, Native Americans, the CA&E Railroad, WWII, and local businesses, people and schools.

* Hours:
  June–August:
  Wednesday & Sunday, 1pm–4pm
  September–May:
  Sunday, 1pm–4pm
  Closed January

Villa Park Historical Museum
220 S. Villa Avenue
Villa Park
630-941-0223

Warrenville Historical Museum & Art Gallery
3s530 Second Street
Warrenville
630-393-4215
**St. James Farm**
Forest Preserve

www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/st-james-farm

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**Admission:**
Free

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Once a working dairy farm and later a renowned equestrian center, St. James Farm is DuPage County’s newest forest preserve. We have over two miles of walking trails, acres of prairies, ponds, a creek, and one of the largest oak forests in DuPage County. It’s the perfect place to experience nature! Join us June through August on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 for children’s activities.

*Visitor Center Hours:*
Year round
Fri & Sat, 12-4pm
June-August
T, Th, Fri, Sat, Sun, 12-4pm

Forest Preserve is open 7 days a week dawn to dusk.

**Kline Creek Farm**
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

www.dupageforest.org/klinecreekfarm
www.facebook.com/klinecreekfarm

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**Admission:**
Suggested donation
$5/person ages 3+

Experience life on a working, 1890s farm offering 200 acres of living history. Tour our restored 1890s farmhouse, visit our farm animals and learn from our costumed farm workers. All summer long we offer special kids’ activities including a story hour every Monday at 10:00. Join us on Monday and Thursday afternoon for children’s chores at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. June is Dairy Month, and the whole family can enjoy activities related to cows and milk each day.

**St. James Farm**
2S541 Winfield Road
Warrenville
630-580-7025

**Kline Creek Farm**
1N600 County Farm Road
West Chicago
630-876-5900
Gallery 200

www.gallery200.com

Gallery 200 is located in historic downtown West Chicago. This co-op gallery features the work of over 30 artists and features an artist or group of artists each month in a rotating exhibit. Gallery 200 offers a variety of classes in multiple artistic disciplines. Guests can also use their creativity in our maker’s space and enjoy the work of People Made Visible’s Artist-in-Residency Program on display in the building.

* Hours:
  Thurs, 12-6pm
  Fri, 12-8pm
  Sat, 10am-4pm
  Sun, 12-4pm

Gallery 200
103 W. Washington St
West Chicago
630-293-9550
Take a trip to historic downtown West Chicago and explore local and railroad history. Contemporary artworks complement our exhibits. Our 2020-21 special exhibit “Women of West Chicago” explores stories of women who have called West Chicago home. The two floors of exhibits are interactive for kids and adults, and feature themes that apply to history across the United States. The 1860s Burlington Depot is also open on Saturdays June-August.

* Hours:
  **March - November**
  Thurs, 10am-6pm
  Fri, 10am-2pm
  Sat, 10am-2pm
  **December - February**
  Thurs, 10am-6pm
  Fri, 10am-2pm

**West Chicago City Museum**
132 Main Street
West Chicago
630-231-3376

To register, please contact West Chicago City Museum 630-231-3376
wegohistory@gmail.com www.wegohistory.com
### Kruse House Museum

www.krusehousemuseum.org

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The 1917 foursquare home depicts the lifestyle of the Kruse Family in the early part of the 20th century. Furnishings and Collections include china, quilts, clothing, toys and cut glass. C&NW items reflect West Chicago’s railroad history. Most items are original to the house. Tour the lovely gardens which have been beautifully restored and are maintained by the West Chicago Garden Club.

This year’s display: “Advertising!” Signs, Publications & Product Promotions...

* Hours:
  May–September: Saturday, 11am–3pm
  Group tours by appointment.
  Closed Holiday weekends.

**Kruse House Museum**

527 Main Street
West Chicago
Site: 630-231-0564
Info: 630-231-2329
The new museum exhibit represents the R.L.B. Opera House, built circa 1893. This grand, three story structure once graced the Main Street of West Dundee and brought Vaudeville entertainment to the village residents. A stage and audience seating have been recreated to show the kind of amusement available long before the motion picture. In later times it served as a venue for high school performances and graduations.

A second exhibit includes advertising items from local businesses of long ago. A tribute to the Suffragettes celebrates the one hundredth anniversary of the Susan B. Anthony amendment giving women the right to vote in national elections.

This restored 1884, one-room school house was moved to its present location and has been restored to look as it did over 100 years ago. It is used as a learning tool for children to experience what a typical day was like at the turn of the last century. Many original artifacts have been included in the restoration.
William L. Gregg House

www.westmontparks.org

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Hours: Wed & Sun, 1pm–3pm - Closed January, Easter, and Mother’s Day

A River Thru History
The Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous
September 12 & 13, 2020

Columbia Woods, Willow Springs
708-496-0193
www.ariverthruhistory.com

Fee: Children under 6–Free
Children 6-17–$5
Adults–$10
Seniors (over 62)–$5
Family Pass–$25 (1 or 2 adults, up to 4 children ages 6-12)

Grab your passport and take a trip back in time! We can take you there by railroad, or old fashioned bicycle! Learn where, how, and who made the bricks that helped rebuild Chicago. Ever wonder what your great-great-great grandparents did for fun? We'll help you re-create toys they played with. Take a stroll through our beautiful garden. For a history lesson the fun family way, visit Gregg House Museum.

Step back 200 years into America’s past and experience an authentic Rendezvous along the banks of the Des Plaines River! You’ll meet fur trappers, settlers and craftsmen. Listen to authentic music and storytellers, taste real root beer and watch canoe races. Kids can touch animal pelts and bones, play Native American games, see live wolves or trade items at the Trading Post. Tickets available for purchase at Gregg House Museum beginning June 24th.

Teachers: Bring your class to our “School Day” on Friday, September 11th! Call for details.

Sponsored by:
First Division Museum at Cantigny Park

www.fdmuseum.org

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Experience the history of the 1st Infantry Division and its units from WWI through modern day. Walk through a WWI trench. Sit in a landing craft as soldiers storm Omaha Beach on D-Day. Go through the jungles of Vietnam. Sit in a Bradley fighting vehicle and experience Desert Storm. Climb on real tanks from WWI through Desert Storm at our extensive tank park.

Part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations

FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM
at CANTIGNY PARK

First Division Museum
1s151 Winfield Road
Wheaton
630-260-8185
**Cosley Zoo**  
A facility of Wheaton Park District  
www.cosleyzoo.org

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Cosley Zoo, an Association of Zoos and Aquariums accredited facility, is dedicated to education, conservation, and recreation. Located on 5 acres, the zoo offers visitors the opportunity to see native Illinois wildlife and domestic farm animals in naturalistic environments. Educational programs are available for groups and individuals. Be sure to stop in the “Wild Side” gift shop before you go. Concessions and picnic area are available seasonally.

+ Admission:
  Wheaton Park District Residents–Free with Resident ID Card
  Children (17 years and under)–Free
  Nonresident Adults (18-54 years)–$7.00
  Nonresident Adults (55 years and over)–$6.00.

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**DuPage County Historical Museum**  
www.dupagemuseum.org

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DuPage County Historical Museum  
102 E. Wesley Street  
Wheaton  
630-510-4941

Come see our new exhibits, *Ballots of Power* and *Healing DuPage*, along with our interactive *Inside History Gallery*. View the HO gauge model railroad and visit our research library. Guided tours, walking tours, scout programs, special events and birthday parties are all available. Please visit our website for more information.
Hedges Station Museum 1849
Winfield Historical Society

Access: YES  Hours: Seasonal
Admission: Donations Appreciated  *See Below

Hedges Station is the oldest surviving railroad depot (1849) in Illinois and the first building in Winfield on the Galena & Chicago Union line. Through the years, the building served as a post office, general store, tavern and dwelling. Restoration is ongoing.

*Hours:
Open 3 Sundays this Summer: 1PM–4PM
June 7, July 12, and August 2
March–November: Tues & Thurs, 3pm-5pm
Wed 1pm-4pm

Yesterday’s Farm Museum Complex
Wood Dale Historical Society

Access: YES*  Hours: + Sun, 1pm–4pm
Admission: $10 or donation  Wed, 1pm–3pm
* Barn is accessible, House is not
Tours also by appointment

The Wood Dale Historical Society is a museum for preserving the lifestyles that made this area so great from the 1800’s until today. Mary Lou Mittel asked the Rosenwinkel family for the use of their farm as a museum. Yesterday’s Farm Museum Complex has an 1840’s Prairie House, a 1921 Rosenwinkel Farm House, an 1850’s Carriage House, a 1955 Allis Chalmers tractor, and an 1850’s Barn with displays of the past and many other items on our property.

+ Open: April - December  Closed on Holiday weekends
We hold several events during the year:
Conversation with a re enactor in March
Harvest Fest, September
Ghost Stories in the Barn, October
Holiday on the Farm, December

Hedges Station Museum 1849
0N555 Winfield Road
Winfield
630-653-1489

Yesterday’s Farm Museum
850 N. Wood Dale Road
Wood Dale
630-595-8777
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