

# NATURE VIRTUALLY EVERYWHERE

Spring 2020 e-programs with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County



## Out & About

Thursday, May 21 (bimonthly, afterward)

*Podcast*

The natural world is loaded with interesting learning opportunities, and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County has more than 22,000 acres to explore! Stay up-to-date with the latest happenings in the District, and have some fun with Naturalist Josh Libman, as he highlights the wonderful ways to enjoy our open spaces.

Visit: <https://anchor.fm/forest-preserve>

## Spring Tree Hike

Friday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m.

*Facebook Live event*

Trees across Kane County are bursting with new foliage and now is a great time to explore the woodlands. Join Naturalist Ben Katzen for a livestream event from Elburn Forest Preserve, and learn some tree-identification basics. This informal, virtual hike will highlight the diversity of trees that can be found at the preserve.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/forestpreserve>

## Celebrate World Turtle Day with a Blanding's Release!

Saturday, May 23 at 10 a.m.

*Video on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube Channels*

Celebrate World Turtle Day on May 23, with a Blanding's Turtle Release! Do you love baby turtles? Would you like to celebrate and protect turtles and their disappearing habitats? The Forest Preserve District and the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation participate in a breeding program to help endangered Blanding's turtles thrive in Kane County. Join us to see a Blanding's turtle release, and learn from Wildlife Biologist Bill Graser about the ecology and conservation of the Blanding's turtle in Kane County.

See the video via our social media pages

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YouTube: [http://bit.ly/youtube\\_forestpreserve](http://bit.ly/youtube_forestpreserve)



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## Wildflower Folklore

Wednesday, May 27 at 10 a.m.

*Video Slideshow*

Our local flora is diverse, and the stories that go along with these plants are very interesting! Who is Jack and why is he in the pulpit? What is a “Wake Robin?” Why does Skunk Cabbage stink? Learn the names and colorful stories of some native wildflowers during this video slideshow program.

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and on our District website at <http://www.kaneforest.com>

## Best Spring Wildflower Hikes in Kane County

Friday, May 29 from 10 -10:45 a.m.

*Zoom Webinar (registration required)*

It's the perfect time to get out for a hike in our local natural areas, and appreciate all that spring has to offer. In this all-ages program, Environmental Education Manager Barb McKittrick will share some of the best preserves for spring hikes, highlighting the ephemeral wildflowers you're sure to encounter, along the way! Registration is required for this free program. Once you've registered, you'll receive a confirmation email with directions on how to join the webinar. We'll also

be posting a recorded version of the webinar on website and social media, if you can't make it to the live event.

To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcCvpjwqG9X7qgb-ziyK0fEpQTHYzzWS>

## Hiking for Health LIVE!

Tuesday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

*Facebook Live event*

Take the first step toward a healthy lifestyle! Join Naturalist Jeanette Joy for a fun and interactive livestream program from Burnidge Forest Preserve, as she leads you on a virtual hike to do some exercises and nature-based activities. Plan on participating in this program for all ages. Let us bring nature to you!

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## Animal Architecture

June 17 at 10 a.m.

*PowerPoint Video*

Many animals create magnificent structures in which to live, store food, and raise their young. Learn about some of the animals that build these wonders, right here in Kane County's natural areas. After viewing the program video, head into our preserves and look for examples of amazing animal architecture!

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## Daybreak with a Naturalist

June 5 at 8 a.m.

*Facebook Live event*

Greet the day at one of Kane County's beautiful preserves on this virtual hike with a naturalist. Learn some interesting facts about the property, and then watch as we set out on the trail and enjoy the local flora and fauna in the early morning light.

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## Dazzled by the Stars!

Tuesday, June 23 from 7 - 8 p.m.

*Zoom webinar (registration required)*

Amateur astronomer and published author Bob King of Duluth, Minnesota brings the night sky to life in this all-ages program. Bob will first explain how to locate night sky features using sky maps and digital apps. He'll provide an overview of the planets, stars and constellations of the summer sky and share exciting news about viewing a recently-discovered comet. We'll open it up to take your questions at the end of the program. Prepare to be amazed! Note: For the best learning experience, please download and install the free Star Chart app prior to class:

- For iPhone: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/star-chart/id345542655>
- For Android: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.escapistgames.starchart&hl=en\\_US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.escapistgames.starchart&hl=en_US)

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