

Adult Nature - Programs

Discover nature at Peck Farm Interpretive Center

NEW DATE!
Register now for this hot discussion

Climate Change in Illinois

Ages 18+
Attend this discussion and learn about Climate

Change from Dr. Jim Angel, Illinois State Climatologist. Participants will discuss this hot topic and discover what it all means. *Registration is currently open for this program. (TB)*

\$5 (N/R \$10) PFIC
67825 Th 3/18 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network

Age 16+ 1 Class
Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) is a volunteer network of backyard weather observers of all ages working together to measure and map precipitation in their communities. By using low-cost measurement tools, stressing training and education, and utilizing an interactive Website, the aim is to provide the high quality data for natural resource, education and research applications. The only requirements to join are an enthusiasm for watching and reporting weather conditions and a desire to learn more about how weather can effect and impact our lives. Join us for this training session offered through the National Weather Service and become an effective weather observer. The training is free, but you will need to purchase the rain gauge at a cost of \$25. *(TB)*

Free PFIC
66401 Sa 3/20 10:00 - 11:30 am



Green Landscaping

Age 18+ 1 Class
This presentation is designed to give you a new perspective on how to prepare for the upcoming growing season. This program will cover topics including: The

use of native plants, composting vs. fertilizer, reducing water use, and attracting butterflies and wildlife to your yard. *(TB)*

\$15 (N/R \$20) PFIC
66444 Th 4/8 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Dragonfly Monitoring

Age 16+
This class will discuss the life history, ecology, and identification of over 90 Chicago-area dragonfly and damselfly species and provide information about the dragonfly-monitoring program. Through this project, we hope to be able to gain a greater knowledge of the distribution and abundance of dragonfly and damselfly species in the Chicago region. Monitors, potential monitors, and all interested parties are welcome. *(TB)*

Free PFIC
66403 Th 4/15 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Black Gold

Age 18+ 1 Class
Due to the recent legislation passed in Illinois, composting is becoming one of the hottest topics of 2010. This program will introduce the proposed idea of residential composting programs that may come to the Fox Valley soon. After discussing the basics of composting we will examine how composting can reduce greenhouse gases and return valuable nutrients to the earth. **Participants will leave prepared to start composting at home today!** *(TB)*

\$10 (N/R \$15) PFIC
66404 W 4/7 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Illinois RiverWatch Network Workshop

Age 18+ 1 Class
The Illinois RiverWatch program offers Illinois citizens the opportunity to become involved in the stewardship of the state's streams. This interactive workshop will give you the tools to test water quality like a professional. *(TB)*

\$20 PFIC
66405 Sa 4/17 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Science of Sensory

Age 18+
Using our five senses to experience the world is something that we do every day and often take for granted. Learn the science behind human senses and discover why each person has a different sensory experience than the next person. After examining the biology of human senses we will take a walk through the prairie and experience nature through an entirely new perspective. *(TB)*

\$15 (N/R \$25) PFIC
66406 Sa 6/19 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Prairie Plant Identification

Age 18+ 1 Class
This program will give you the tools to help identify native prairie plants as well as their historical and current relationships with humans. In this interactive program, you will learn plant identification tips and hints that will make your next walk through a prairie like walking into a room full of your closest friends! *(TB)*

\$25 (N/R \$35) PFIC
66407 Sa 6/26 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn from the Experts

The following Learn from the Experts classes are taught by top experts in the field and offer in-depth information and learning opportunities. Classes are offered in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, the Geneva Park District, and the St. Charles Park District.

Map & Compass Skills Part 1

Age 18+ 1 Class
GPS is the latest in navigational technology, but what happens when the batteries die or the signal fades? Learning how to navigate a natural or wilderness area using a compass and topographic map ensures you'll be able to find your way no matter what. During this interactive class you'll get plenty of hands-on time using these important tools; you'll also acquire some handy survival skills like how to determine direction using common objects such as sticks and stones or a watch. *(TB)*

\$10 Campton Hills Park, St. Charles
65879 Sa 5/22 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Map & Compass Skills Part 2

Age 18+ 1 Class
Take your map and compass abilities to the next level! Travel the untamed wilds of Camp Tomo-Chi-Chi Knolls, where a rolling topography adds to the orienteering challenge. Gain lots of hands-on compass experience as you navigate in a new setting. Prerequisite: Map & Compass Skills Part 1. *(TB)*

\$10 Camp Tomo Chi-Chi Knolls, Gilberts
66408 Su 5/23 1:00 - 4:00 pm