2025 CALENDAR

Visit dupageforest.org for details on these events and more.

OPENERS

Summer Camp Registration

Feb. 15 • DuPage Residents
March 1 • General Registration
dupageforest.org/camps

Make plans for summertime fun for kids and teens entering first through eighth grades.

Golf Courses

April 1 • dupagegolf.com Green Meadows, Maple Meadows, & The Preserve at Oak Meadows Enjoy a round of golf at one of our distinctive forest preserve courses.

Spring Trout Season

April 5 • 6 a.m.

Blackwell, Pratt's Wayne Woods, & Wood Dale Grove

Grab your fishing gear, license, and trout stamp, and head out to this highly anticipated event.

Boat Rentals

Blackwell Weekends May 3 – Sept. 28

Weekdays May 26 – Aug. 15

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Herrick Lake Weekends May 24 – Sept. 1

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Explore two DuPage forest preserve lakes by kayak, canoe, paddleboat, or rowboat.

Family Camping

May 2 - Oct. 12

Friday & Saturday Nights • Blackwell

Spend a night in this popular forest preserve by a campfire under the stars.

Scenic Overlook

Weekends May 3 – Oct. 26 One Hour After Sunrise – 6 p.m. Greene Valley

Get a bird's-eye view of the landscape from one of the tallest points in the county.



Fall Trout Season

Oct. 18 • 6 a.m.

Blackwell, Pratt's Wayne Woods, & Wood Dale Grove

Grab your fishing gear, license, and trout stamp, and head out to this popular opener.

Annual Permit Sales

Dec. 1 • dupageforest.org

Get your 2026 permits for off-leash dog areas, private watercraft, model crafts, and the archery range.

Snow Tubing

Dec. 6 – Feb. 22 • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Weekends & School Holidays Blackwell

When there's plenty of snow on the hill, take a fun 800-foot ride down Mount Hoy.

Snowshoe Rental

by snowshoe.

Dec. 6 – Feb. 22 • Hours Vary Blackwell & Fullersburg Woods Explore the wintry forest preserve trails

SIGNATURE EVENTS

Hard Water Classic

Feb. 1 • Noon – 3:30 p.m. Blackwell

Take part in the only competitive ice-fishing tournament in DuPage County.

Trout Fishing for Kids

March 29 • 8 a.m. – Noon Wood Dale Grove

Introduce young anglers to trout fishing at this preseason event for ages 15 and under.

Native Plant Sale

May 16 • 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. May 17 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mayslake Peabody Estate

Fill your garden with flowers, grasses, and shrubs adapted to DuPage soils and weather.

Just for Kids Fishing Derby

June 8 • 8 – 11 a.m.

Blackwell

Join this annual friendly fishing competition that's just for anglers 15 and under.

Fall Native Tree & Shrub Sale

Order Online Starting Aug. 1
Pick Up at St. James Farm Sept. 12 & 13
Fulfill your fall planting plans with native trees
and shrubs adapted to DuPage conditions.

Archery Open House

Aug. 2 • 9 a.m. – Noon Blackwell

Learn about this classic sport, and try the basics with a certified instructor.

Fall Festival at Danada

Oct. 11 & 12 • 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Danada Equestrian Center

Enjoy equestrian performances, hayrides, kids activities, displays, food, and more.



