



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

### Addison Historical Museum

www.addisonadvantage.org/visitors/history\_2

| Metra MD   | W 占 Access | YES* | Hours:  | Please visit our |
|------------|------------|------|---------|------------------|
| Admission: | Free       |      | website | e for hours      |

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 restored 1893 Century House, once the home of Lutheran school teachers and their families. The Museum is open during the following Village Special Events: Memorial Day: 9-11am Rock 'n Wheels: Jun-Aug, Thursdays 6-8pm Addison International Multi-Cultural Festival: Sept 13-14, 1pm Veterans' Day: 9-11am Christmas Tree Lighting: Nov 30, 5pm Christmas in the Village Green: Dec 7 & 14, 5pm

\*First floor of the Coach House is wheelchair accessible. Video tours are available.

#### Addison Historical Museum 135 W. Army Trail Blvd. Addison 630-628-1433



## Rock 'n Wheels a

Thursday evenings in June, July and August on Addison's Beautiful, Newly-Expanded Village Green





Delicious food from Addison restaurants

Visit the new Veterans Circle – saluting our veterans

weekly historical presentations

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**Historical Museum** 

Craft & Vintage Fair, and

Full Schedule and Details at ItHappensInAddison.com



### **Aurora Regional** Fire Museum

www.AuroraRegionalFireMuseum.org

| M <u>etra</u> * BN        | ISF 占 Aco | cess Ye | ′es | Hours: | Wed-Sat, | 10am-4pm |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------|-----|--------|----------|----------|
| Admission: \$5 per person |           |         |     |        |          |          |

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

Summer Hours: Memorial Day-Labor Day Tues- Sat, 10am- 4pm

53 N. Broadway

630-256-4140

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#### **Blackberry Farm**

www.blackberrvfarm.info

| Metra NO                           | <b>L</b> Access  | YES                        | Hours:        | Please visit our |  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| Admission: FVPD                    | residents: \$7 a | website for detailed hours |               |                  |  |
| Resident Seniors: \$6 ages 65+     |                  |                            | of operation. |                  |  |
| Non-residents: \$10 ages 1+        |                  |                            |               |                  |  |
| Non-resident Seniors: \$9 ages 65+ |                  |                            |               |                  |  |

We have something for everyone at Blackberry Farm! Take a ride back in time on our replica steam train, visit friendly farm animals, or learn about what life was like in the early days of Aurora with our three museums and seven historic sites. Admission also includes unlimited paddle boat, pony, wagon, and carousel rides, plus an exciting Adventure Playground. If you're feeling hungry, stop by our Summer Kitchen or pack a picnic to enjoy on our 54 acres of scenic park space. Located just 10 minutes from downtown Aurora, come experience our unique blend of history and fun.

Blackberry Farm 100 S. Barnes Road Aurora 630-892-1550



### David L. Pierce Art & History Center

www.aurorahistory.org

| M <u>etra</u> * BN               | NSF & Access | S YES | Hours: | Sat, 10am-4pm;                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Admission: Donations Appreciated |              |       | Wed-Fr | i, 12pm-4pm;                      |
|                                  |              |       |        | en First Fridays of nonth, 6-9pm. |

The David L. Pierce Art & History Center contains the permanent gallery "The Aurora Story," a walk through Aurora's history, plus two additional floors of changing historical and art exhibitions, and a Museum Store featuring Aurora-related books and memorabilia.

For exhibit schedule & other details, visit our website or www.facebook.com/AuroraHistory

Burlington Railroad 175th Anniversary Exhibit March - August

Political Memorabilia Exhibit September - November



#### **David L. Pierce Art & History Center**

20 E. Downer Place Downtown Aurora 630-906-0650

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### Tanner House Museum

www.aurorahistory.org

| M <u>etra*</u> NC                |  |  |                                  | May 26-Sept 1: |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Admission: Donations Appreciated |  |  | Sun, 1-4pm; July 4, 11am-<br>2pm |                |  |
|                                  |  |  | ∠pm                              |                |  |

Built in 1857, this Italiante-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, showing life in the Victorian era.

#### \*Free Family 4th of July Celebration!

Music, entertainment, & food available from 11am-2pm.

Tanner House Tours by Candlelight: Weekend evenings in October. *Ticketed event.* 

**Tanner House Holidays:** Dec 8 - Jan 5 Sun 1-4pm; Fri 4-7pm



#### **Tanner House Museum**

304 Oak / 305 Cedar (corner of Oak and Cedar) Near westside, Aurora 630-897-9029

#### Grand Army of the Republic Military Museum

www.aurora-il.org/372/Grand-Army-of-the-Republic

| M <u>etra*</u> | BNSF            | <b>L</b> Access | YES | Hours:             | Wed, 12-7pm; |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|--------------------|--------------|
| Admissio       | Admission: Free |                 |     | Thurs-Fri, 12-4pm; |              |
| ••             |                 |                 |     | Sat, 10            | am-3pm       |

The historic G.A.R. Memorial Hall was constructed in 1877 to honor the soldiers from Aurora who fought in the Civil War. Home to Aurora's first free public library, the G.A.R. Hall stands as Aurora's only military history museum. The Angel Room tells of the courage and sacrifices made to end the institution of slavery while the newly renovated lower level - which opened in 2021 - houses new temporary exhibits throughout the year! www.artsinbartlett.org

**Arts in Bartlett** 

| <b>M<u>etra</u>®</b> MI | DW | <b>L</b> Access | YES | Hours: Sat 9am-2pm    |
|-------------------------|----|-----------------|-----|-----------------------|
| Admission:              |    |                 |     | Tues & Thurs 11am-5pm |
| -                       |    |                 |     | Fri 12–5pm            |

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Arts in Bartlett is just south of the Metra Station. Tour our art and gift gallery to see local artists' creations. Visit our second gallery at Village Hall 2nd floor. Create your own art project. Arts in Bartlett, the local arts council, provides opportunities for visual and performing artists, including gallery shows, performances, children and adult art lessons, and summer camps.



#### Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum

23 E. Downer Place Aurora 630-256-3347

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Arts in Bartlett 215 S. Main Street in Town Center Bartlett 630-372-4152

### Bartlett Depot Museum

www.bartlettil.gov/about-bartlett/village-of-bartlett-museums

| Metra MD     | W & Access | YES | Hours:* | See below. |  |
|--------------|------------|-----|---------|------------|--|
| Admission: F | ree        |     |         |            |  |

Bartlett's 1873 railroad depot is the oldest structure in the village and is responsible for the establishment and growth of our community. How amazing is that! The museum has changing exhibits that highlight Bartlett's rail history. "Ticket to Ride" is a photo gallery of Bartlett resident and Metra employee Mark Llanuza whose train images continue to be featured on many of Metra's monthly passes.

Lots of hands-on for all ages. All Aboard for History!

#### \*Feb- Nov 28, 2024:

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Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11am -4pm, 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9am to noon Closed July 4, Oct 19, Dec 2024 -Jan 2025 Possibly other days. Refer to website before visiting.

#### **Bartlett Depot Museum**

100 W. Railroad Avenue Bartlett 630-837-0800



### Bartlett History Museum

www.bartlettil.gov/about-bartlett/village-of-bartlett-museums

| Metra MDW       | E Access |                       |         | Mon-Fri 8:30am-                          |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|---------|--|
| Admission: Free |          | 4:30pm; Sat 9am-12pm. |         |  |
|                 |          |                       | Jul 4th | Sundays, May 27,<br>, Sept 2, Nov 28-29, |
|                 |          |                       | Dec 24  | -25, Dec 31-Jan 1.                       |

Visit and discover the stories of Bartlett's rich history through changing exhibits. "I'll Drink to That! From Temperance to Tolerance - Bartlett's Libation History", the current exhibit, follows the village's libation journey from its temperate founders of 1873 to the current culture of drinking found within its borders. "Three Cheers for Root Beer" is a section especially for children that recreates two of the old-time soda fountains from Bartlett's past.

When your museum visit is over, pick up a free self-guided walking tour, one for adults and/or one for children, and explore our historic downtown.

#### **Bartlet History Museum**

Located in the Bartlett Village Hall 228 S. Main Street, Bartlett 630-837-0800



### Batavia Depot Museum

www.bataviaparks.org/batavia-depot-museum

| M <u>etra*</u> NC | ) <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> | ccess | YES | Hours: Mon/Wed/Fri, 2-4pm; |
|-------------------|---|-------|-----|----------------------------|
| Admission:        | Free                                      |       |     | Sat/Sun, 10am-5pm          |

The home of local history since 1975, the Batavia Depot Museum is your bridge to the rich stories of Batavia's past. Exhibits and programs connect visitors to each other and to Batavians past and present.

Seven permanent exhibits about Batavia's beginnings and legacy. Two rotating gallery spaces with seasonal exhibits. Gift shop with apparel, decor, books & more.

Archives & library located in The "Gus"-tafson Research Center.

Historic Outbuildings: 1907 Caboose, Coffin Bank & Gazebo

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### **Fischer Farm**

https://www.bvilleparks.org/parks-facilities/fischer-farm/

| M <u>etra</u> * No | ) & Access         | YES*                  | Hours: | Daily 10am-4pm |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------------|
| Admission:         | Free. Donations we | e. Donations welcome. |        | some holidays  |

Fischer Farm is one of the oldest remaining homesteads in DuPage County. The Fischer family settled here in 1836 and established a dairy farm. This historic working farm has nine buildings, including two barns and a clapboard cabin that were built before the civil war. The 1919 American foursquare farmhouse is open daily and houses the gift shop where farm products are sold, including honey, pork and farm fresh eggs. Visit the buildings, crops areas, and barns where the animals live! The farm pursues a mission of agriculture education, historic exploration and environmental conservation.

\*The grounds and some buildings are wheelchair accessible. The farm maintains an ADA porta john at all times. However, the Fischer Farmhouse and cabin are not currently ADA accessible.

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



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### Bloomingdale Park District Museum

www.bloomingdaleparks.org

| M <u>etra*</u> No            | ) ę | Access | YES                   | Hours: | Wed: 5pm-8pm |
|------------------------------|-----|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------------|
| Admission: \$2 Non-resident; |     |        | Thurs & Sat: 12pm-4pm |        |              |
| \$1 Resident; \$0.50 Seniors |     |        |                       |        |              |

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.



Bloomingdale Park District Museum 108 S. Bloomingdale Road

Bloomingdale 630-339-3570

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### Garfield Farm & Tavern Museum

www.garfieldfarm.org

| M <u>etra</u> No | <b>Access</b> | YES                       | Hours: June-September: |  |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--|
|                  |               |                           | Wed & Sun 1pm-4pm      |  |
|                  |               | Tours given year round by |                        |  |
|                  |               |                           | appointment.           |  |

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.



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

#### Downers Grove Museum

www.dgparks.org/downers-grove-museum

| M <u>etra</u> * BN | SF 占 Access        | YES | Hours:* | See Below |  |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----|---------|-----------|--|
| Admission:         | Donations Apprecia |     |         |           |  |

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 exhibits in the 1846 Israel Blodgett and 1892 Charles Blodgett homes, which illustrate life in Downers Grove throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries. Then head on over to our Montrew Dunham History Center to see our temporary exhibits and celebrate the history of our village's fire department by viewing our original 1920 fire engine.

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\*Tues-Thurs 12-4pm; 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 10 am-1pm

**Closed Major Holidays** 

**Downers Grove Museum** 831 Maple Ave. Downers Grove 630-963-1309



### Lyman Woods

https://www.dgparks.org/lyman-woods-nature-center

| M <u>etra</u> * BNSF | <b>E</b> Access | YES* | Hours: | Mon-Sat 9am-4pm |
|----------------------|-----------------|------|--------|-----------------|
| Admission: Free      |                 |      | Sunday | /s 10am- 2pm    |

Lyman Woods is 150 acres of oak woods, prairie, and marsh habitat that supports over 300 species of native plants and a myriad of animals and songbirds. Check out the Interpretive Center before embarking on the trails. Discover native landscaping, gardens, and play spaces outside the building. We offer programs for the whole family, NaturePlay preschool during the school year, and of course summer day camps!

Volunteer opportunities available!

\*Partially paved trails.

Lyman Woods 901 31st Street Downers Grove 630-963-9388



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### Elgin History Museum

www.elginhistory.org

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-------|--------|----------|---|
| Admission: \$5 Adults, Free for kids |                                 |     |                 | 11am- | -4pm   |          |   |
|                                      | under 18, teachers, and members |     |                 |       |        |          |   |

Explore Elgin's rich heritage through two floors of interactive exhibits. You can almost hear the watch ticking at the Elgin National Watch Company or feel the engines racing as you get behind the wheel of an Elgin Road Race car. 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.



Elgin History Museum 360 Park Street Elgin 847-742-4248

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### Elgin Public Museum of Natural History & Anthropology

www.elginpublicmuseum.org

| MDW & Access  | YES | Hours: Summer:   |
|---|-----|--|
| Admission: \$3 Adults, \$2 Kids (<br>& Seniors (60+), FREE under 3<br>members |     | Thurs-Sun, 12-4pm;<br>Fall/Winter/Spring:<br>Sat & Sun, 12-4pm |

Make the T-Rex skull roar! Learn about Indigenous People and wildlife of Illinois! Enjoy hands-on fun in the Discovery Room! And, we are steps from Lords Park/Tefft's Farm Zoo, open early June - Aug 11 with free admission. Easily affordable family daytrip fun in a beautiful park setting pack a picnic lunch! We also offer educational and scout badge programs - contact blazier\_s@cityofelgin.org for more info.

#### Elgin Public Museum of Natural History & Anthropology 225 Grand Blvd.

225 Grand Blvd. Elgin 847-741-6655



### Elk Grove Historical Museum

www.elkgroveparks.org/elk-grove-historical-museum

| M <u>etra*</u> NO | ) <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> <u></u> | Access | YES* | Hours:** | See below |
|-------------------|---|--------|------|----------|-----------|
| Admission:        | Free  |        |      |          |           |

The Museum specializes in the history of Elk Grove and its development over the past 200 years. Open year round, the Museum offers tours of our Victorian Era farmhouse and grounds, as well as scout programs, special events, and monthly programs for patrons of all ages. Experience history through various mediums, including crafts, games, exhibits and demonstrations! The Elk Grove Historical Museum is a facility of Elk Grove Park District.

\*The orientation center and grounds are accessible, the farmhouse is not.

#### \*\*Hours:

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**Sept-May:** Tues & Fri 12-5pm; Sat 10am-4pm **Jun-Aug:** Tues & Fri 12-5pm; Wed 4-7pm; Sat 12-4pm

#### **Elk Grove Historical Museum** 399 Biesterfield Road Elk Grove Village 847-690-1440



### Elmhurst Art Museum

www.elmhurstartmuseum.org

| Metra UPW          | <b>L</b> Access | YES   | Hours: Closed Mon - Tues |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Admission:         |                 |       | Wed - Thurs 12-5pm       |
| \$18 Adults        |                 |       | Fri - Sun 11am-5pm       |
| \$15 Seniors 65+   |                 |       |                          |
| \$10 Students 18-  | (with studen    | t ID) |                          |
| \$5 Children 5-17, | Free 4 and Ur   | nder  |                          |

The Elmhurst Art Museum is an arts complex with three distinct areas of focus. A balance of art, education, and architecture programming is central to our efforts of inspiring and enriching our community. We strive to hold public art events, as well as educational hands-on activities, related to rotating contemporary art exhibitions and the celebration of the McCormick house, a rare single-family home designed by Mies van der Rohe.

Elmhurst Art Museum 150 S. Cottage Hill Avenue Elmhurst 630-834-0202



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#### Elmhurst History Museum

www.elmhursthistory.org

| M <u>etra*</u> UF | W & Access            | YES | Hours:  | Sat 10am–5pm     |
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| Admission:        | Oonations Appreciated |     | Sun, Tu | es - Fri 1pm–5pm |

Experience our new exhibit "Victory at Home: 1941-1945" thru August 18. Learn about the Home Front during World War II and how Americans helped lead the Allies to victory through united efforts such as rationing, Victory gardens, women in the workforce, and purchasing war bonds.

Also explore our newly refreshed core exhibit, "By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst," and check out familyfriendly programs such as Museum Maker Monday, Vintage Baseball Game, and trolley tours.

Elmhurst History Museum 120 E. Park Ave. Elmhurst 630-833-1457



### **1893 Viking Ship**

www.vikingship.us

| Metra UPW & Acc                            | ess    | YES*  | Hours:                             | April-October: 3rd |
|--|--------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Admission: \$7 Adults, \$<br>(13-17), Kids | 4:30pm | y of the month 10am-<br>. Additional times in |                                    |                    |
|  |        |   | October.<br>group tours available. |                    |

Enjoy a guided tour of the world famous 1893 Viking Ship at Good Templar Park in Geneva, Illinois. This recreated, full size, sailing Viking ship was copied from a 1,000 year old excavated original. Hand built in Norway in 1893, "VIKING" was sailed by 12 daring adventurers in a non-stop crossing of the stormy north Atlantic, to become a star attraction at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Fun for the whole family.

\* The ship is in a walker-accessible gravel-floored shelter.

Viking Ship at Good Templar Park 528 East Side Drive Geneva (331) 248-1903 (630) 302-7338 (Private tours)



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### Fabyan Japanese Garden

www.ppfv.org

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|--------------------|-----------------------|------|----|--------|-----------------|
| Admission:         | Donations Appreciated |      |    | Wed, S | at & Sun 12-3pm |

Stroll this tranquil one-acre renovated Japanese tea garden, originally designed by Taro Otsuka in 1910 for Colonel George and Nelle Fabyan as part of their Riverbank Estate. Explore and enjoy a self-guided tour of the winding paths past an original tea house and moon bridge over the pond, lined by bursts of greenery and Japanese-inspired plants and trees.

\*1/2 Mile

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#### Fabyan Japanese Garden

Fabyan West Forest Preserve 1925 S. Batavia Ave. Geneva 630-377-6424

### Fabyan Villa Museum

www.ppfv.org

| M <u>etra</u> * UF | PW <sup>+</sup> & Access | NO | Hours:  | May-September:  |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----|---------|-----------------|
| Admission:         | \$5 Adults; \$3 Kids     |    | Wed, Sa | at & Sun 12-3pm |

Discover mummies, mysteries, and more at the Fabyan Villa! This 1907 Frank Lloyd Wright remodel was the home of the eccentric Colonel George Fabyan and his wife Nelle. They funded revolutionary code-breaking research during WWI led by Elizabeth Smith Friedman, had a menagerie of exotic pets like alligators and bears, and owned a sprawling 350 acre estate. Find out more about the architecture and history at Fabyan. Tickets available online for guided or selfguided tours.

<sup>\*</sup>1/2 Mile



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**Fabyan Villa Museum** Fabyan West Forest Preserve 1925 S. Batavia Ave. Geneva 630-377-6424

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### Geneva History Museum



www.genevahistorymuseum.org

| M <u>etra</u> UPW                                       | L Access          | YES | Hours: | Tues-Sat 11am-4pm                             |
|---|-------------------|-----|--------|---|
| Admission: \$5<br>10), Students, Se<br>Tuesdays and eve | niors (65+); Free | on  |        | r hours:<br>t 10am-4pm<br>nolidays & January. |

The Curious World of Colonel Fabyan (June 15 - August 24) children's exhibition highlights the eccentric world created by George and Nelle Fabyan along the Fox River. Learn the meaning of objects in the Japanese Garden, walk over the moon bridge and view the magnificent windmill. Relax and read a book in the bear cage full of stuffed alligators, bears, cows and dogs that represent the Fabyan's zoo. Decode secret messages like the scientists once did in Riverbank Laboratories.

Admission includes access to 3 exhibits including Geneva's Story and the current Feature Gallery exhibition.

### Peck Farm Park Interpretive Center

www.genevaparks.org

| M <u>etra*</u> No | ) C | 5. Access            | YES | Hours:             | Mon-Sat 9am-5pm                   |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Admission:        |     | 3 Suggested donation |     | Sun (Ap<br>Sun (No | or-Oct) 12-5pm;<br>ov-Mar) Closed |

Peck Farm Park is a 385-acre nature preserve and historical farmstead offering walking/biking trails, picnic shelters, and Hawk's Hollow Nature Playground. A 19th century Italianate home on the property offers visitors a nature discovery room, Peck family museum, and gift shop. Nature programs are offered year-round as well as summer camps and seasonal special events. During the summer, the Peck Farm Butterfly House features over 300 stunning butterflies from all over the world for visitors to enjoy.

**Geneva History Museum** 113 S. Third Street Geneva 630-232-4951



Peck Farm Park Interpretive Center 4038 Kaneville Rd Geneva 630-262-8244



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### Stacy's Tavern Museum

www.GEHS.org

| M <u>etra*</u> UF | W <sup>+</sup> & Access | YES*  | Hours:  | By appointment       |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------|----------------------|
| Admission:        | \$5 Adults, \$3 Stu     | dents | Tues-Sa | at Call to schedule. |

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.

<sup>+</sup> 1 mile \* 1st floor only

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Stacy's Tavern Museum 800 N. Main Street Glen Ellyn 630-469-1867 While visiting Stacy's Tavern Museum, stop at the **Glen Ellyn History Center** at 800 N. Main St. to see our free exhibits. *Check out our gift shop, Stacy's Corners Store, and show this booklet to receive* 25% off one full-priced item!

(\*a few exceptions apply) Open Tue—Sat, 10 a.m.—5 p.m.



Join us for these special events!

Glen Ellyn Vintage Auto Fest Saturday, June 1 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Behind Stacy's Tavern Museum Enjoy dozens of vintage autos, historical lectures on cars, and free coloring pages



Pioneer Day: A Living History Celebration for the Entire Family at Stacy's Tavern Museum Sunday, September 29 1 p.m.— 4:30 p.m. Lots of fun activities! Farm animals!

GlenEllynHistory.org 630.469.1867

### The Salvation Army Central Territory Museum

www.sacentralmuseum.org/

| M <u>etra*</u> NO | & Access YES |  | Hours: By appointment |            |
|-------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------|------------|
| Admission: Free   |              |  |                       | i 9am-3pm* |

Guided tours of its exhibits highlight the Salvation Army's work and ministry in the Midwest. Featured exhibits include an overview of The Salvation Army in the Midwest, a virtual trip to Salvation Army "sleep away" camp (exhibit closes 10/31), a look at diversity in The Salvation Army, and the story of a WWII German pilot who became a Salvationist and American citizen.

\* Check our Facebook and Instagram accounts for closures. @sacentralmuseum

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#### THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL TERRITORY MUSEUM

#### The Salvation Army Central Territory Museum

5550 Prairie Stone Parkway Hoffman Estates 847-294-2136

### Itasca Historical Depot Museum

www.itascaparkdistrict.com/museum

| M <u>etra*</u> M | DW   | <b>Access</b> | YES | Hours: | Seasonal |  |
|------------------|------|---------------|-----|--------|----------|--|
| Admission:       | Free |               |     |        |          |  |

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 was acquired and restored to its original bright orange appearance with all new doors, windows and wood interior. Enjoy historic exhibits and an interactive train display. Visit the Springbrook Nature Center next door!

\* Memorial Day - Labor Day: Tues & Thurs, 10am-12:30pm Every 2nd & 4th Sat of the month: 11am-1pm



#### Itasca Historical Depot Museum

101 N. Catalpa Itasca 630-773-3363

### Springbrook Nature Center

www.itascaparkdistrict.com/nature

| Metra MDW       | <b>L</b> Access | YES | Hours: Mon-Fri 2pm-7pm |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----|------------------------|
| Admission: Free |                 |     | Sat & Sun 12pm–5pm     |

View our eleven 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!

### Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum at Benedictine University

www.ben.edu/museum

| Metra No   | ) & Access        | YES   | Hours: | By Appointment |
|------------|-------------------|-------|--------|----------------|
| Admission: | \$5 suggested don | ation |        |                |

The museum welcomes all to come explore over 3,500 specimens on display. All ages will enjoy! Guests will discover dioramas and exhibits featuring zoology, geology, comparative anatomy, botany, paleontology, and ornithology. Available by reservation only. The museum offers hands-on activities, nature play tables, a variety of museum scavenger hunts, and seasonal events. Email to request a group tour program. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



Benedictine University Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum

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#### **Springbrook Nature Center**

130 Forest Avenue Itasca 630-773-5572

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Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum at Benedictine University 5700 College Road Birck Hall of Science Lisle

630-829-6531

### **The Morton Arboretum**

| www.mortonarb.org                      |                         |  |        |               |  |
|--|-------------------------|--|--------|---------------|--|
| Metra BNSF                             | Metra BNSF & Access YES |  |        |               |  |
| Admission: Please see website for      |                         |  | Please | Check Website |  |
| fees and details on time requirements. |                         |  |        |               |  |

Five large scale sculptures by Polish American artist Olga Ziemska are on display thru early March 2025. The artist's work has been created from reclaimed tree branches and other natural materials gathered from various locations throughout the Arboretum.

Our outdoor museum is open year-round. Please check our website for seasonal hours, events, classes and summer fun!

Our Children's Garden closes during severe weather.

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#### The Morton Arboretum

4100 Illinois Route 53, (just north of I-88) Lisle 630-968-0074

### The Museums at Lisle Station Park

www.lisleparkdistrict.org/museumsatlislestationpark

| M <u>etra</u> ® BI | NSF  | & Access      | YES* | Hours: | Tours available By   |
|--------------------|------|---------------|------|--------|--|
| Admission:         | Dona | tions Appreci |      | 10am-4 | tment. Wed-Sat,<br>4pm. Call or email<br>1p an appointment |

Museums at Lisle Station Park was created to provide a home for Lisle's historic train depot. The campus grew to include an 1850s farmhouse, Mark Beaubien's Tavern from the 1840s, an 1880s Waycar and Blacksmith Shop. Our tours provide visitors with a general overview of the history of Lisle from 1832 until around 1970, as told from the perspective of the buildings found at the museum site.

\*Some limitations based upon which building. Grounds are accessible.

#### The Museums at Lisle Station Park

921 School Street Lisle 630-968-0499



### Sheldon Peck Homestead

www.lombardhistory.org

| M <u>etra</u> * UF | w* ۴/     | Access               | YES | Hours: | February - November  |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----|--------|----------------------|
| Admission:         | Donations | onations appreciated |     |        | nurs & Sat, 12pm-4pm |

Sheldon Peck was a radical abolitionist and 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 folk art exhibit featuring Sheldon Peck's work with an original peck, and Underground Railroad exhibit and an accessible garden. Opening late summer 2024, visit our new exhibit on Charles Peck and his journey as a '49-er.

Visit our website for events and to learn more.

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#### **Sheldon Peck Homestead**

355 E. Parkside Avenue Lombard 630-629-1885



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Join us for the 100th Anniversary in my hometown Lombard, IL. From April 26-Dec 23 2024 check out the Exhibition and all the fun activities planned for the year at Lombard Historical Society. Scan the QR code to learn more!



### Victorian Cottage and **Carriage House**

www.lombardhistory.org

| M <u>etra*</u> UF | W & Access         | NO*   | Hours: | ** See below |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------|--------|--------------|
| Admission:        | \$5 Suggested dona | ation |        |              |

Experience life in the Victorian Era with a visit to the Victorian Cottage Historic House Museum. 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, Llttle Orphan Annie, and a gift shop.

\*Carriage House only.

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\*\*Carriage House: Tues-Sat 10am-4pm

Victorian Cottage: Fri & Sat tours at 1, 2, & 3pm



VICTORIAN

**Victorian Cottage Museum** 23 W. Maple Street Lombard 630-629-1885

#### seasonal displays, sustainable building features, a living wall and more. Outdoors enjoy disc golfing, mobile tours, our nature-themed playground and over 5.5 miles of hiking trails along the branches of the DuPage River and through oak woodlands and prairies ...

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Admission: Free



& Access YES Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm,

1:30pm-4:30pm; Sat 9am-3pm

**Knoch Knolls Nature** 

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www.napervilleparks.org/kknc

**Knoch Knolls Nature Center** 320 Knoch Knolls Rd Naperville 630-864-3965

Visit picturesque Knoch Knolls Park, home of the Knoch Knolls Nature Center, Our center is free to visit and features live animals, including a 900-gallon freshwater fish tank, 2 

### DuPage Children's Museum

www.dupagechildrens.org

| M <u>etra</u> ® BN | NSF 占 Access           | YES     | Hours:    | Summer Hours |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| Admission:         | \$19 Adults & Children | (1-59)  | Mon-Fr    | i 9am-4pm    |
| \$18 Senior        | s (60+)                | Sat-Sur | n 9am-5pm |              |

Play MORE in 2024!

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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



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





#### **Naper Settlement**

www.napersettlement.org

| M <u>etra</u> * BN  | NSF 占   | Access  | YES   | Hours: May-Sept: Tues- Sat                          |
|---|---|---|-------|---|
| Admission:<br>(62+), \$8 Youth<br>members, and o<br>Proud program<br>Museums for Al | (4-12); Nape<br>children unde<br>partner of Blu | rville residen<br>r 4 are free.<br>Ie Star Muse | ums & | 10-4PM; Sun 1-4PM; Oct-<br>April: Tues-Fri 10AM-4PM |

Naper Settlement is a family-friendly outdoor history museum featuring 13 acres of learning and interactive opportunities for all ages. Located in downtown Naperville, Naper Settlement is just steps away from dining, shopping, and the Riverwalk. Visitors are immersed in history as they learn about the past and how it relates to the present, from the early 19th century to today. Highlights include special events programs and activities year-round, both on- and off-site.



#### Naper Settlement 523 S. Webster Street Naperville 630-420-6010

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FREE FOR PARENTS & ELEMENTARY STUDENTS EVERY TUESDAY | 4-6PM

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Unleash your curiosity every Tuesday as we explore the wonders of agriculture, STEM, and nature together!

aperSettlement.org/FieldWatchers

#### **Red Oak Nature Center** Naturally fun for over 40 years

http://redoaknaturecenter.info

| M <u>etra</u> ®NC                    | )          | <b>Access</b> | YES                    | Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Admission: Groups of 10 or more: \$2 |            |               | Sat 10am-2pm. Closed   |                         |  |
|                                      | per person |               |                        | Sundays year-round.     |  |
|                                      | perpereen  |               | Closed on Mondays from |                         |  |
|                                      |            |               |                        | Labor Day-Memorial Day. |  |

Nestled on the east bank of the Fox River, Red Oak is surrounded by 100 acres of lush forest land and wildlife habitat. An ideal setting for visitors to learn about the great outdoors. Six hiking trails and the nationally renowned Fox River Trail offers avenues of exploration. An indoor museum with hands-on experiences, a wildlife room and bee observation hive are on site. Don't forget to visit our famous cave while you are here!

Check out our rental information and year round school, scout, camp and community programming on our website.

### **Fullersburg Woods**

Nature Education Center

www.dupageforest.org

| M <u>etra</u> * BNSF | Access | YES | Hours: | Sun: Closed  |
|----------------------|--------|-----|--------|--------------|
| Admission: Fr        | ee     |     | Mon-S  | at: 10am-5pm |

The Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center provides an engaging, interactive introduction to the local environment. There, visitors can explore the world of Salt Creek and its inhabitants and learn how to identify common birds and animal tracks. They can get up close and personal with the 13,000-year-old skeleton of a woolly mammoth that was found in DuPage County. Visitors can also find answers to nature-related questions from the center's staff.

Preserve, open 1 hour before sunrise until 1 hour after sunset.



**Red Oak Nature Center** 930 N. River Rd North Aurora 630-897-1808

### **RED O**AK NATURE CENTER

**Fullersburg Woods** 

3609 Spring Road Oak Brook 630-850-8112

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### Graue Mill and Museum

www.dupageforest.org

| M <u>etra</u> BNSF | <b>L</b> Access | YES | Hours: | Mid-April - mid-Nov: |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|--------|----------------------|
| Admission: Free    |                 | -   | Wed-Su | in 10am-4pm          |

Step back in time to 1852 and explore four floors of amazing exhibits. Learn about pioneer life on the Illinois prairie and a historic grist mill. Observe spinning wool and weaving demonstrations. Learn how millers grind corn and see our two 1-ton French buhrstones grind!

History surrounds visitors of all ages each time they visit!

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

www.lizzadromuseum.org

| M <u>etra</u> NO              | <b>Access</b> | YES | Hours: | Closed Monday      |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----|--------|--------------------|
|                               |               |     |        | 10am–5pm<br>pm–4pm |
| Children 6 and under are free |               |     |        |                    |

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.



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Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

1220 Kensington Road Oak Brook 630-833-1616

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### Lake View Nature Center

www.obtpd.org

| M <u>etra*</u> N                 | 0 | ę.      | Access       | YES | Hours: | 4th Saturday of |
|----------------------------------|---|---------|--------------|-----|--------|-----------------|
| Admission: Donations Appreciated |   | the mon | th; 11am-2pm |     |        |                 |

The Lake View Nature Center is dedicated to bringing fun, handson environmental education to area residents and the general public to promote awareness and appreciation of the natural world. We are available to the public with registered programs, outings, and our monthly open houses.



Lake View Nature Center 17W063 Hodges Road Oakbrook Terrace 630-941-8747 Lake View Nature Center 17W063 Hodges Road Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 630-941-8747 | obtpd.org



#### Friday, June 7 6:00-8:00pm

The Lake View Nature Center is hosting a festival to kick off the summer with a FREE family event! Bring the whole gang out to enjoy animal encounters, fishing, games, crafts, and a cozy campfire during Welcome Back to Nature. Discover all the things that the Lake View Nature Center has to offer year-round at this fun event. No registration required and all ages are welcome.



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### **Mayslake Peabody** Estate

www.dupageforest.org

| M <u>etra</u> ® NO | D & Access        | Partial | Hours:  | Mon-Fri: 12-3pm    |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
| Admission:         | Free; Guided tour | s \$8   | Sat 9ar | n-1pm; Sun: Closed |

Explore the 39 room Gothic Tudor Revival mansion. See the outside of a chapel that is a replica of one that was restored by a saint in Italy. Walk a nature trail past two lakes. Take a self-directed, free, tour to see if you can find some of the mythical and mundane animals hiding in the house. Time your visit to take in an art show of local, regional or international artists.

Guided tours of the mansion available M-F at 12:30pm and Saturdays at 11:30am.

**Mayslake Forest Preserve** 1717 W. 31st Street 630-206-9566



### **Fox River Trolley Museum**

www.foxtrolley.org

| Metra MDW             | <b>L</b> Access                         | NO | Hours: | Sat & Sun |
|-----------------------|---|----|--------|-----------|
| Admission: \$8 Ad     | Admission: \$8 Adult ticket, \$6 Senior |    |        |           |
| ticket, \$5 Child tic | ticket, \$5 Child ticket (3-11)         |    |        |           |

Come Ride With Us! Take a trip back in time and ride an electric trolley for two miles along the Fox River in South Elgin and into the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve. Picnicking facilities are available at both the Museum and at the Forest Preserve. Private trolleys can be chartered for special occasions such as birthday parties. See the museum's website. A wonderful experience for the entire familv!

\*Sunday operations run May 5 - October 27 Saturday operations run July 6 - Labor Day

Museum is also open Memorial Day. July 4th. and Labor Day. See website for special events including Ghost Story Train and Polar Express.

**Fox River Trolley Museum** 

365 South LaFox Street (IL Highway 31) South Elgin 847-697-4676



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#### Creek Bend Nature Center

www.ppfv.org

| M <u>etra</u> ® NO | & Access | YES | Hours: | Mon-Thurs 10am- |
|--------------------|----------|-----|--------|-----------------|
| Admission:         | Free     |     | 4pm; S | at & Sun 12-4pm |

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, creeks, woods, and prairies.



#### **Creek Bend Nature Center**

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LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve 37W700 Dean Street St. Charles 630-444-3190

#### Durant-Peterson House

www.ppfv.org

| M <u>etra*</u> NO |                     |         |                 | Special events |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------|----------------|
| Admission: S      | uggested: \$3 Adult | hosted  | each month. See |                |
|                   | hildren under 18    | website | e for details.  |                |

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.



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#### **1843 Durant House** LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve 37W700 Dean Street St. Charles 630-377-6424

### Hickory Knolls Discovery Center

www.stcnature.org

| M <u>etra</u> ® NO               | ළ Access | YES | Hours: | Mon-Sat 10am-4pm |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----|--------|------------------|
| Admission: Donations Appreciated |          |     |        |                  |

Nestled at the edge of 130 acres of oak woodlands, wetlands and prairies, the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center offers a unique blend of rustic nature and contemporary comforts. The LEED-certified building features beautiful views and nature programs for all ages. Explore scenic habitats along 3+ miles of natural area trails to discover unique flora and fauna. Live animal displays, including state-endangered Blanding's turtles, offer guests up close interaction with many reptiles.



#### **Hickory Knolls Discovery Center**

3795 Campton Hills Road St. Charles

630-513-4399

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### Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, St. Charles

#### 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  $\dots$  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!

Hangin' with Hickory Friends Mon-Sat • 11am & 3pm Drop-ins Welcome! Native Plant Sale June 2 • 9am-2pm Purchasing Onsite

Tree Trunk or Treat Oct 25 • 5-7pm Hickory Knolls

#### 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.primrosefarm.com

| lours: Grounds open from                      |  |
|---|--|
| dawn-dusk (weather                            |  |
| ermitting). Office Hours:<br>⁄Ion-Sat 8am-3pm |  |
| la<br>e                                       |  |

Experience farm life! Explore restored farm buildings, visit with farm animals and agricultural interpreters, stroll through 100+ acres of historic and modern rural landscapes and climb up on a vintage tractor near the fruit orchard. Exciting and educational activities await you in the farmyard! Visit the farm's Facebook page for all the latest program, camp, special event and animal news!

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



#### 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 - All Ages Welcome!

Advance Registration Required: primrosefarm.org/events (fee details online)

- Doc's Day Apr 20 Barn Dance May 18 An Apple Afternoon Sep 14 Autumn Hayrides Oct 4-26 Caroling with the Cows Dec 14
- 1-4pm 6-10pm 1-3:30pm Fri/Sat Nights 3-6pm
- Plan a Picnic or Party at the Farm! Add a tractor-drawn wagon ride for \$25.

#### **Animal Adventures**

Advance Ticket Purchase Required: primrosefarm.org/animal-adventures

- Feed the Goats Every Tue Feed the Chickens Every Thu Hands-on Milking Every Wed & Sat Chicken & Egg Every Wed & Sat Hold Your Horses Every Sat
- Imrosefarm.org/animal-adve RES \$2/NR \$3 per person RES \$2/NR \$3 per person RES \$8/NR \$10 per person RES \$8/NR \$10 per person RES \$8/NR \$10 per person

#### New Education Center Coming Soon

Look for new and exciting program offerings about agriculture including interactive opportunities such as food preservation techniques, farm to table demonstrations, STEM curriculum and local food production.





### **Sholes School**

|                  | WWW                               | v.pj | pfv.org                |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------|------------------------|
| M <u>etra</u> NO | D & Access NO                     | )    | Hours: Special events  |
| Admission:       | Admission: Donations appreciated. |      | hosted each month. See |
|                  |                                   |      | website for details.   |

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.



#### Sholes School

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

### St. Charles History Museum

www.stcmuseum.org

| M <u>etra*</u> NO | ) & Access               | YES | Hours: | Tues-Sat 11am-4pm |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------|-------------------|
| Admission:        | \$2 adults, \$1 Childrer | I   |        |                   |

HISTORY HAPPENS HERE! The Museum is located in the 1928 McCornack Oil Company building at 215 East Main Street. The building served St. Charles as a gas station from 1928 until 1990. The impact of the St. Charles History Museum is far beyond our walls. We provide innovative and engaging programs for all ages. We are committed to using our collection as a means for crafting educational programs and engaging opportunities to learn. Every day, our staff works both within the Museum and within local institutions to help spread meaningful, impactful work that brings St. Charles history to life. Please visit our website for upcoming events and programs.

#### St. Charles History Museum

215 E. Main Street St. Charles 630-584-6967



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### **Air Classics Museum**

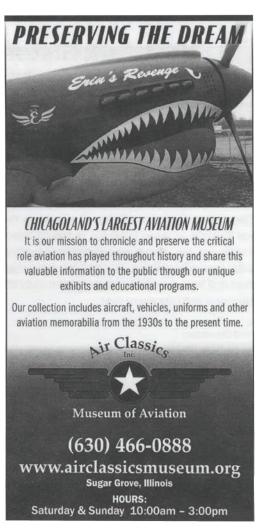
www.airclassicsmuseum.org

| <u>Metra*</u>                         | NO     | & Access | YES | Hours: | Sat/Sun | 10am-3pm |
|---------------------------------------|--------|----------|-----|--------|---------|----------|
| Admission: \$5 Children; \$7 Seniors; |        |          |     |        |         |          |
|                                       | \$10 A | dults    |     |        |         |          |

Come witness for yourself, the beauty, power and grace of the magnificent aircraft that made history. Learn about the people that flew them and experience the drama of their heroic life and death struggles. You'll never view the sky the same again. The Museum features indoor and outdoor displays of aircraft, equipment, and memorabilia from the 1930's to the present.



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Air Classics Museum

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630-466-0888

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### Villa Park Historical Museum

www.vphistoricalsociety.org

| Metra NO   | ) 占 Access        | YES                  | Hours:* | Seasonal |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------|----------|
| Admission: | Donations Appreci | onations Appreciated |         |          |

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:

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April 2nd-December 15, 2024: Tues-Fri 11am - 3pm Sat-Sun 10am - 4pm



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

### St. James Farm Forest Preserve

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

| Metra No & Access | Yes | Hours:* | Visitor Center:    |
|-------------------|-----|---------|--------------------|
| Admission: Free   |     | Jun-Aug | : Fri-Sun 11am-3pm |

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!

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



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

### Warrenville Historical Museum & Art Gallery

www.warrenvillehistorical.org

| M <u>etra*</u> NO | ) & Access         | NO   | Hours:* | Seasonal |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|---------|----------|
| Admission:        | Donations Apprecia | ated | ]       |          |

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 Artistin-Residency Program. Other exhibits feature the Warren family, Native Americans, the CA&E Railroad, WWII, and local businesses, people and schools. www.gallery200.com

**Gallery 200** 

| M <u>etra</u> *UPW | & Access YES |       | Hours:             | Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri 12 |  |
|--------------------|--------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Admission: Free    |              |       | 6pm; Sat 10am-4pm; |                         |  |
|                    |              | Sun 1 | 2-4pm              |                         |  |

Gallery 200 is located in historic downtown West Chicago. This co-op gallery features the work of over 30 artists and a monthly rotating exhibit. Gallery 200 offers a variety of classes in multiple artistic disciplines. Guests can also see community exhibitions, including pieces from the People Made Visible's artist-in-residency program and displays by the Mexican Cultural Center DuPage.

\*Hours: June-August: Wednesday & Sunday, 1pm-3pm September-May: Sunday, 1pm-3pm Closed January Warrenville Historical

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#### Warrenville Historical Museum & Art Gallery 3s530 Second Street Warrenville 630-393-4215



Gallery 200 103 W. Washington St West Chicago 630-293-9550



www.dupageforest.org/klinecreekfarm Facebook/IG: KlineCreekFarm Tik Tok: @DuPage Forest

| M <u>etra</u> ®NO | <b>Access</b> | YES     | Hours: | Thurs-Mon |
|-------------------|---------------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Admission: Sugge  |               | 9am-5pm |        |           |

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 Time every Monday at 10:00. Join us on Monday and Thursday afternoon for Children's Chores at 1:30 - 3:30.

June is Dairy Month. See milking demonstrations Saturdays and Sundays in June 9:30 – 10:30am.

### Kruse House Museum

www.krusehousemuseum.org

| Metra UPW & Access                                     | ١O | Hours: May-Sept: Sat 12pm |
|--|----|---------------------------|
| Admission: \$3 Adult; \$1 12-18 y<br>Free (11 & under) |    | month, 5-7pm; Closed      |
|  |    | holiday weekends.         |

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. Guests can also tour the lovely historic gardens which have been beautifully restored and maintained by the West Chicago Garden Club.

Admission FREE with Passport to Adventure Booklet!

Group tours by appointment.

Kruse House Museum 527 Main Street West Chicago Site: 630-231-0564 Info: 630-293-0192



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#### Kline Creek Farm

1N600 County Farm Road West Chicago 630-876-5900

## Kline Creek FARM

### West Chicago City Museum

www.wegohistory.com

| M <u>etra</u> * UF | W    | <b>E</b> Access | YES | Hours:* | See below |  |
|--------------------|------|-----------------|-----|---------|-----------|--|
| Admission:         | Free |                 |     |         |           |  |

Take a trip to historic downtown West Chicago and explore local history, railroad history, and art. The two floors of exhibits in the 1884 Turner Town Hall building are interactive for all and feature themes that apply to history across the United States.

Our 1860s CB&Q Train Depot is also open on summer Saturdays. Visitors can also explore railroad history through exterior displays along the Illinois Prairie Path in West Chicago.

#### \*Hours: March- November Thurs & Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm

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Sat, 9:30am-3:30pm December- February Thurs & Fri, 9:30am-2:30pm

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



#### **Centerville School**

www.dundeetownshiphistorical.org

| M <u>etra*</u> NO | ) & Access       | NO   | Hours: May- October |  |
|-------------------|------------------|------|---------------------|--|
| Admission:        | Donations Apprec | ated | Sundays, 2-4pm      |  |

This 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 a learning tool for children to experience what a typical school day was like at the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century.



Centerville School Randall Oaks Park 17N350 Randall Road West Dundee 847-428-6996

### **Dundee Township Historical Society**

www.dundeetownshiphistorical.org

| M <u>etra*</u> NC | ) & Access                      | NO | Hours: | Sun & | Wed, | 2-4pm |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----|--------|-------|------|-------|
| Admission:        | mission: Suggested Donation \$2 |    |        |       |      |       |

**2024 exhibits include new displays:** Just For Kids features toys from 1840s-1980s, The Anvil Club restaurant 1956-2023, former resident Charles Eggler's role in the development of the Atomic Bomb, Ellen Lewis artwork, Blacksmith Fred Reimer's desk and his story, and the Roaring Twenties.

**Other exhibits:** A trio of windows and facts about area businesses and people that helped form our township, Allan Pinkerton and the Underground Railroad, various historical displays.



**Dundee Township Historical Museum** 426 Highland Avenue West Dundee 847-428-6996

### William L. Gregg House

www.westmontparks.org

| <u>Metra*</u> | BNSF    | & Access | NO | Hours:  | Wed & Sun, 1-3pm     |
|---------------|---------|----------|----|---------|----------------------|
| Admissio      | n: Free |          |    |         | January, Easter, and |
| -             |         |          |    | Mother' | s Day                |

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.







#### **Cosley Zoo** A facility of Wheaton Park District

www.cosleyzoo.org

| M <u>etra</u> ®                       | NO | <b>L</b> Access | YES          | Hours:            | Varies Seasonally; |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Admission: Rates available online at: |    |                 |              | Check Website for |                    |
| www.cosleyzoo.org                     |    |                 | information. |                   |                    |

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.

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

## DuPage County Historical Museum

| M <u>etra</u> UP                   | W & Access | YES | Hours:               | Tues-Fri, 10:30am- |  |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| Admission: Suggested Donation, \$5 |            |     | 4pm; Sat-Sun, 12-4pm |                    |  |

DuPage County Historical Museum features a permanent exhibit on the history of DuPage County, a 50-year-old HO model railroad layout, an interactive children's gallery and four annual changing exhibits. School field trips, birthday parties, guided tours and scout programs are available.

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#### First Division Museum at Cantigny Park

www.fdmuseum.org

| M <u>etra*</u> UF                 | W & A | Access | YES              | Hours: | Please visit our website |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Admission: Rates available online |       |        | for daily hours. |        |                          |
| at www.Cantigny.org               |       |        |                  |        |                          |

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.

#### Hedges Station Museum

www.winfieldhistory.org

| M <u>etra*</u> UPV               | Access | YES | Hours: Tues/Thurs, 2-4pm; |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----|---------------------------|
| Admission: Donations Appreciated |        |     | Wed, 1-4pm                |

In the 1850's transportation from place to place was done via horse or train. These behemoths of iron and steel carried tons of cargo and passengers from Chicago westward to towns like Winfield, Naperville, Turner Junction and beyond. Little hubs of activity arose around the places where the beasts stopped - the stations. Hedges Station was just such a place. Come visit the oldest remaining depot in the State and learn about the rich history of our little village nestled up against the west branch of the DuPage river.



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FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM — at CANTIGNY PARK —

**First Division Museum** 1s151 Winfield Road Wheaton 630-260-8185

Hedges Station Museum ON555 Winfield Road Winfield 630-510-9053

#### Yesterday's Farm Museum Complex Wood Dale Historical Society

www.wooddalemuseum.com

| M <u>etra*</u> MDW         | & Access | YES* | Hours:                | Apr-Dec: Sun/Wed,   |
|----------------------------|----------|------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Admission: \$2 or donation |          |      | 1-3pm; Closed holiday |                     |
|                            |          |      | weeker                | nds. Tours by appt. |

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.

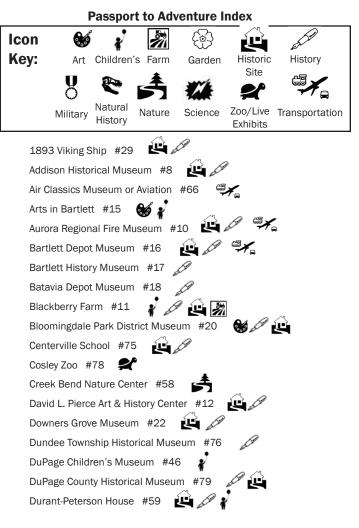
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We hold several events during the year: Conversation with a re-enactor, March Harvest Fest, September Ghost Stories in the Barn, October Holiday on the Farm, December

\* Barn is accessible, House is not.

#### Yesterday's Farm Museum 850 N. Wood Dale Road Wood Dale 630-491-9933





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