

Spring Family Adventures

Looking to make long-lasting memories this winter with your family?

Explore your local forest preserves with your own private Environmental Educator! These fun adventures will get your family moving, outside, and continuing to learn all winter long!

Adventure Topics	Description
Birding for Beginners Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	Put your binoculars into focus and your listening ears on as we explore a local preserve! Be prepared to see and hear native birds and migrating guests while out on the trail.
Spring Ephemerals Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	Native wildflowers carpet the forest floor at Hoover Forest Preserve each spring. Join us as we learn how to identify these wildflowers and enjoy their fleeting beauty.
Fabulous Five Senses Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	Get the most out of your hiking experience; by using all of your senses. Come out, hike with us and enjoy the sights, smells, sounds, touches, and tastes that our natural world has to offer. Enjoy a richer and more fulfilling connection to nature.
Family Horse Adventures Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am Afternoon: 1-2 pm	Come and experience the wonderful world of horses! In this 1 hour class you will learn about safety, breeds and colors. Then, enjoy the hands-on activities of grooming and leading a horse.
NEATure in Kendall County Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am, 10-12 pm Afternoon: 1-2 pm, 1-3 pm	Explore the trails in Kendall County and learn about the ecosystems that are right in your backyard. Explore the forest preserve while learning about all of the plants, animals, and fungi that call Kendall County home. Keep your fingers crossed for a wildlife sighting and bring your nature questions!
Nature Center Exploration Times Available: Morning: 10-11 am Afternoon: 1-2 pm	Come and experience our nature center at the Kendall County Historic Courthouse. We will read a story, make a craft, and meet an ambassador animal. After the guided activities, you and your family will have time to explore the nature center and play!
Nature at Night Times Available: Times Vary due to Sunset	Ever wonder what hiking in the woods would be like at night? Come on a Night Hike with us and explore what animals and insects come out to explore and find food during the evening.

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Program Fees:

1 hour program (great for younger children and/or families on a time crunch)	1-5 participants \$35.00	6-9 participants \$55.00
Family Horse Adventure (Ellis House and Equestrian Center)	1-5 Participants \$50.00 (add a pony ride for \$5 per person)	
2 hour program	1-5 participants \$55.00	6-9 participants \$75.00

How to Register:

1. Choose which theme you'd like to experience with your family. You can sign up for them all if you'd like!
2. Contact Emily, at edombrowski@co.kendall.il.us or call 630-553-2292 to sign up for nature programming. For the family horse adventure contact Kris Mondrella at Kmondrella@co.kendall.il.us or call 815-475-4035.
3. You will receive an email with all registration information after reserving your date and time.

