



Looking for FREE things now that the weather is warming up? Below are some ideas!

Date	Place	Time	Description	Cost
Thurs, May 20	Park Ridge Park District Wildwood Nater Center 529 Forestview, Park Ridge	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Sensory Hike Stop & smell the roses, your senses are dying to get out & play! Explore nature the natural way, hike around Wildwood's prairie, pond, & woodland at stations with fun sensory activities..	\$9.00 Per family
Sat, May 20	Hal Tyrell Trailside Museum 738 Thatcher Avenue River Forest, IL 60305	10:30 a.m.	Nature Story Time Nature-inspired stories, crafts and activities for ages 3 - 5 with an adult.	\$1.00 per child
Sat, May 22	The Museum Wandschneider Park 831 Maple Avenue Downers Grove, IL	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Civil War Living History Encampment The 10th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry will be demonstrating the hardships of the Civil War soldier. Learn about uniforms, equipment, weapons and daily routine. Admission is free!	No cost
Sat, May 22	Little Red Schoolhouse 9800 Willow Springs Road Willow Springs, IL 60480	8:00 p.m.	Evening Astronomy View the night sky through telescopes provided by the Chicago Astronomical Society, or bring your own, weather permitting. Call between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. to confirm	No cost
Sat, May 22	Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 West 111th Street Lemont, IL 60439	7:30 a.m.	Bird Banding Visitors and volunteers may join the Chicago Bird Observatory to learn about bird banding, weather permitting.	No cost
Sun, May 23		to 12:00 p.m.		
Sat, May 29				
Sun, May 30				
Sat, May 22	Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 West 111th Street Lemont, IL 60439	12:00 p.m. (noon)	Fossil Hunt Search for signs of the life of 440 million years ago. <u>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</u> (630) 257-2045	No cost
Everyday	Hidden Oaks Nature Center 419 Trout Farm Road Bolingbrook, IL	Mon-Sat 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sun 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Uncover the past, explore the present and imagine the future! Creative interpretive learning experiences which awaken a sense of wonder and encourage responsible environmental behavior. Wander the exhibit area and discover...	No cost



MORE IDEAS... THINGS TO DO THIS SPRING

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Sat, May 22	Hal Tyrell Trailside Museum 738 Thatcher Avenue River Forest, IL 60305	10:00 a.m.	Saturday Morning Bird Walk A casual guided walk to look for both resident and migratory birds. All levels of interest welcome! We have some binoculars to loan.	No Cost
Sun, May 23	Little Red Schoolhouse 9800 Willow Springs Road Willow Springs, IL 60480	1:30 p.m.	An Afternoon with Mother Nature - Wild Babies Learn from Mother Nature with her friends at the Little Red School House, Activities for Families.	No Cost
Sun, May 23 Sun, May 30	Sagawau Environmental Learning Center 12545 West 111th Street Lemont, IL 60439	7:30 a.m.	Bird Hikes Identify birds by sight, sound, behavior and habitat.	No cost
Sun, May 23 Sun, May 30	Sagawau Environmental Learning Center	12:00 p.m. (noon)	Sagawau Canyon Hikes Wade a creek to see flowers, ferns, and rock formations in Cook County's only canyon. <u>Be prepared for wet feet.</u>	No cost
Sun, May 23	Hal Tyrell Trailside Museum	1:00 p.m.	Family Garlic Mustard Pull Help us restore wildflower and wildlife habitat by removing invasive garlic mustard. Refreshments and gloves provided. <u>For adults and children 10 or older. REGISTRATION REQUIRED</u>	No cost
Sat, May 29	Chicago Portage National Historic Site 49th & Harlem, Lyons	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Chicago Portage Walk and Work Day Trace the steps of Marquette and Jolliet on a walk at this historic site. Then, help restore biodiversity by removing invasive plants. Groups welcome! This is a great way to fulfill community service requirements.	No cost
Sat, May 29	Sagawau Environmental Learning Center	12:00 p.m. (noon)	Tree Key Learn to use a simple key to identify trees. <u>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</u>	No cost
Sat, May 29	Hal Tyrell Trailside Museum	1:00 p.m.	Pond Life Discover the amazing creatures that live in our pond. We'll scoop up pond samples to examine. <u>PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS FREE FAMILY PROGRAM</u>	No cost
Everyday	Little Red Schoolhouse 9800 Willow Springs Road Willow Springs, IL 60480	March 1 through last Sat. in Oct. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	The "Little Red Schoolhouse" was built in 1886 as a school house. In 1955 it was reopened as a different kind of school. In place of the three R's, fascinating stories are told to children and grown ups who visit here, stories about the forest preserve and the earth.	No cost