

# Fall Events at Trailside

## Hike the Preserves – Trailside Museum of Natural History

Trailside Museum of Natural History is set within Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve, with impressive oak woodlands and floodplain forests along the Des Plaines River. The 2.5 miles of linked trails allow you to choose the length of your hiking adventure as you meander along the different habitats: forest, wet meadow, river and pond. Wildlife is abundant, especially deer, beavers, herons, woodpeckers and butterflies. Autumn is an especially good time to hike, because the fall leaf colors are great, with strong yellows and reds adorning the trees. Pick up a trail map at the museum or join in a scheduled naturalist-guided trail walk.



## Migrating Monarchs Celebration

Learn about this globe-trotting butterfly and trace its migration through fun activities, crafts and displays. See how monarchs are raised, tagged for tracking and watch butterflies being released. – **Sunday, Nov. 11 • 1 p.m.**

## Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam

Make a simple musical instrument or bring your own. Play or just listen all are welcome! – **Sunday, Nov. 11 • 1 p.m.**

## Fall Bird Walks

Join us for a guided bird walk to view the fall migration. All levels of birding expertise are welcome! We have some binoculars to lend. – **Saturday, Nov. 17 • 9:30 a.m.**

## Nature Story Time

Nature-inspired stories followed by a craft. Ages 3-6 w/adult. – **Thursdays, Nov. 1 and 15 • 10:30 a.m.**

## Bone Appetit

Join us at feeding time to learn about Trailside's outdoor resident animals. – **Saturday, Nov. 24 • 1 p.m.**

## Nature Tots\*

Explore nature and nature play with your tot. We'll go outdoors in nice weather. Ages 2-5 w/adult. – **Wednesdays, Oct 24 and Nov 28 • 10 a.m.**

## Autumn Walks

Explore the beauty of the autumn season on a guided nature walk through the woods and by the pond and river. – **Saturday, Nov. 10; Sundays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 25 • 1 p.m.**

## Creatures of the Night

Discover what makes owls, bats and spiders night creatures. We'll do hands-on explorations and a fun craft. – **Saturday, Oct. 27 • 1 p.m.**

## Prehistoric Archaeology Workshop\*

Learn about the prehistoric cultures of our area; learn to recognize and type samples of prehistoric artifacts. Led by the IL Archaeology Survey. Ages 18 and up. – **Saturday, Nov. 3 • 1-3 p.m.**

## Nature Book Club

Join in a lively discussion of *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. – **Thursday, Nov. 8 • 7 p.m.**

## Turkey Trot Hike\*

Walk off that turkey dinner on a special post-holiday guided hike on our trails. – **Friday, Nov. 23 • 1 p.m.**

\*Registration required for events with asterisk.

**For more information on programs,  
please call (708) 366-6530.**