



# April-May Events at Trailside Museum of Natural History

The Trailside Museum  
of Natural History  
is located at  
738 Thatcher Ave.,  
River Forest.

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

**\*Registration required  
for events  
with asterisk.**

## **Improv in the Woods\***

**Saturday, April 13 • 2 p.m.**

Let our feet be the metronomes for this musical improv hike as we start with a lesson then find inspiration in nature. All hike-able instruments are welcome. Registration required – call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Free.

## **Makin' Music Bluegrass Jam**

**Sundays, April 14 and May 12 • 1 p.m.**

Come out to a round-robin style jam. Bring a song to play with the group or just come to listen. Kids can make a simple musical instrument and then join in the jam! Bring your fiddles, mandolins, guitars and banjos, too. All are welcome to jam or listen. Free.

## **Nature Story Times**

**Thursdays, April 18, May 2 and May 16 • 10:30 a.m.**

Nature-inspired stories, followed by a craft and snack. Children 3-6 w/adult. Free.

## **"Bone" Appétit**

**Saturdays, April 20 and May 25, and Monday, May 27 • 1 p.m.**

Join us during feeding time to learn about Trailside's outdoor resident animals. Free.

## **Bird the Preserves – Morning Bird Walks**

**Fridays, April 26 and May 10 • 9:30 a.m.**

Enjoy a casual guided walk to look for birds and bird behavior. All welcome – binoculars available. Free.

## **Earth Day Des Plaines River Cleanup in Thatcher Woods\***

**Saturday, April 27 • 8-10 a.m.**

Join our partner, the River Forest Park District, in removing trash. A great service project for families, schools and scout groups! All materials provided. Contact [www.rfparks.com](http://www.rfparks.com) for details and to sign up. Registration required – call Trailside at (708) 366-6530. Free.

## **Nature Book Club**

**Thursday, May 2 • 7 p.m.**

Discuss the book, *How to Be a Good Creature: A Memoir of 13 Animals* by Sy Montgomery. Ages 18 and up.

## **Spring Festival at Trailside**

**Sunday, May 5 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Celebrate spring with a day of activities for all ages, including animal encounters, kids' tree climb, guided wildflower walks, bird banding, dip netting, seed planting, building a bird house to take home and more!

## **"The Big Sit" Birdwatching**

**Saturday, May 11 • 6 a.m.-Noon**

Stop and sit a while as we see how many birds we can spot or hear without leaving a 17-foot circle. Binoculars and guidance provided.

## **Migration Walk**

**Sunday, May 19 • 8 a.m.**

Enjoy a spring walk that will focus on identifying birds and the phenomenon of migration. Led by John Elliott of Chicago Audubon.

## **Nature Tots\***

**Wednesday, May 22 • 10 a.m.**

Join your tot in exploring nature! Come play with us and explore a different theme each month.

## **Guided Spring Nature Hike**

**Sunday, May 26 • 1 p.m.**

Enjoy a naturalist-guided nature hike to discover signs of spring.