



# Shawnee National Forest

2018

## Fall/Winter Calendar of Events

### August

#### Kinkaid Lake Field Trip

**Saturday, Aug 25**

9 am

See our website or Facebook page for field trip location and directions.

Enjoy a walk in the woods with Silviculturist Justin Dodson and Soil Scientist-Hydrologist, Brooke Hagarty as they discuss what makes up a healthy forest and its importance in watershed protection.

Participants should pre-register by calling Hidden Springs Ranger District at (618) 658-2111.

### September

#### Our Families-Our Forests

**Saturday, Sept 1**

10 am - 5 pm

Vienna City Park

Vienna, IL

Hosted by Illinois Forestry Association the fair focuses on collaborative forestry management in southern Illinois. Topics include forest health, managing your forest or woodland and *Southern Illinois Forests-Past, Present & Future*. There will be a woodmizer (portable sawmill) demonstration. Shawnee National Forest employees will be on-hand to discuss oak-forest health and management.

For more information:[www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee](http://www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee).

#### Project Learning Tree® Workshop

**Friday, Sept 7**

9 am - 3 pm

Giant City State Park Visitor Center

Makanda, IL

*Fee: \$40 includes training, PLT K-8 guide, snacks and resources (pack a lunch)*

96 multi-disciplinary, hands-on activities can be found inside PLT's *PreK-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide* – each one tailored to specific grade levels and learning objectives designed to make teaching and learning fun! Open to all formal & non-formal educators, volunteers and anyone who works with students on natural resource topics, both in and out of the classroom. **Registration deadline Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

<https://www.eeai.net/upcoming-trainings.html>

#### Nature Fest at Cache River Days

**Saturday, Sept 8**

9 am- 4 pm

Ullin Ball Park

Ullin, IL

A full day of fun, free activities focused on the plants and animals of the Cache River and Cypress Creek watersheds. Canoe tours, guided hikes, live wildlife exhibits, nature activities and crafts, Asian carp fry and much more!

<https://www.friendsofthecache.org/events-activities>

*Limited space on tours, please register in advance by calling Cypress Creek at 618-634-2231.*



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## **Trigg's Ozark Trails and Tours**

**Saturday, Sept 22**

8:00 am

Shawnee National Forest Headquarters  
Harrisburg, IL

There is a tour fee which includes transportation, lunch, entry fees/donation and a souvenir t-shirt..

Join the Fall 2018 Ozark Tour and their experienced guides as they lead you to scenic and historic sites of Gallatin and Saline Counties and the Shawnee National Forest. Moderate hiking will be required. For more information or to register visit [www.illinoisozarks.com](http://www.illinoisozarks.com) or email [info@illinoisozarks.com](mailto:info@illinoisozarks.com) or call 618-264-5854.

*This event is made possible through a partnership with the Illinois Ozarks and Gallatin and Saline County Tourism.*

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## **Trash Blast**

**Saturday, September 22**

Garden of the Gods Recreation Area

9:30 am - 2 pm

For information visit

[www.facebook.com/shawneefriends](http://www.facebook.com/shawneefriends)

Join *Friends of the Shawnee* for their fall Trash Blast. Enjoy outstanding autumn weather and scenery at Garden of the Gods while volunteering to help one of the most beautiful spots in the Midwest free of trash. Participants should meet at the Observation Trail parking lot between 9:30am and 10 am. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes and bring water and a sack lunch.

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## **Hunting and Fishing Days**

**Saturday, September 22 &**

**Sunday, September 23**

John A Logan College  
Carterville, IL

Celebrate the 31<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunting and Fishing Days! This event focuses on the legacy and activities of hunting and fishing in Illinois. It is an educational, family event, dedicated to teaching ethics, safety, and conservation in order to enhance the outdoor experience. Admission and parking are FREE! Visit [www.sihfd.org](http://www.sihfd.org) for more information.

## **October**

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### **Snake Road Tour**

**Saturday, October 6**

12:00 pm – 3 pm

Winters Pond

Pine Hills Research Natural Area

Join Illinois Department of Natural Resources Natural Heritage Biologist Scott Ballard for a guided hike along Snake Road. Learn about the variety of reptiles and amphibians that are found in this ecologically rich area. Long pants, hiking shoes and water are recommended.

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### **Critter Night**

**Friday, October 19**

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds

Jonesboro, IL

Large groups need to preregister at 618-833-8576.

Come join the Forest Service, Friends of the Shawnee National Forest, and UNIMIN Minerals, Inc. in an evening of activities and crafts centered around nocturnal animals. Visit a "bat cave", hear Native American wildlife stories, hike an interpretive trail and meet costumed critters along the way! Free Again, Inc. will be presenting "Birds of Prey" so please bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

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### **Bald Knob Wilderness**

**Trail Volunteer Day**

**Saturday, October 20**

9:30 am - 2 pm

Alto Pass, IL

Learn about maintaining trails using primitive tools. Work alongside the Forest Service and *Friends of the Shawnee* in beautiful Bald Knob Wilderness as they work to harden trail surfaces and help protect the wilderness resource. Tools and safety gear will be provided. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Bring water and a sack lunch. No experience necessary

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## **November**

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### **Great Rivers Wilderness Skills Institute**

**Tuesday- Friday, November 13-16**

Touch of Nature Environmental Center

**Registration will open August 1, 2018**

The Great Rivers Wilderness Skills Institute (WSI) will take place at Touch of Nature Environmental Center, Makanda, IL near the Shawnee National Forest. Great Rivers WSI attendance is offered free-of-charge to all those who wish to learn more about wilderness stewardship. This includes all course attendance, certifications, and lodging – participants can camp outdoors or bunk up in temperature-controlled dorm-style lodges. Attendance to Great Rivers WSI requires a short application process. For more information: [www.greatriverswsi.eventbrite.com](http://www.greatriverswsi.eventbrite.com)