

Forest Preserve Education Loan Boxes



Whether you're teaching math or biology, home economics or Spanish, physical education or English literature, the Forest Preserve District has a fun way to bring nature into your classroom!

The Forest Preserve District has over 20 different classroom kits aligned with Illinois Learning Standards that offer complete K – 12 lessons on nature-related subjects. You can borrow one for up to two weeks for free.

Forest Preserve District

Feathers • Nature Detectives • Orienteering and Compasses
Owls • Pollinators • Prairie Plants • Prehistoric Life • Skulls
Tracking • Watersheds

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Aquatic Illinois • Birds • Field Trip Pack • Fossils
Insects and Spiders • Invasive Species
People and Animals From Illinois' Past • Prairies
Reptiles and Amphibians • Trees • Wild Mammals



Borrowing is easy.

1. If you're not sure which one you need or how to best use one in your classroom, call Visitor Services at 630-933-7248 to connect with the right person to answer your questions. You can also stop by Forest Preserve District headquarters weekdays at 35580 Naperville Road in Wheaton to check out the boxes for yourself.
2. When you're ready to borrow a kit, reserve it through Visitor Services at 630-933-7248.
3. Pick up your kit at our headquarters office in Wheaton.
4. Return it by the due date.
5. Repeat!

This program is not endorsed by your school District. Items in the virtual backpack come from not-for-profit organizations in the community. Links directed to websites outside your school district are not sponsored or maintained by the District. Your District has gone green in its approach to distributing community flyers. Rather than sending flyers home with students via backpack mail, flyers are now posted here for all to view or print.



Forest Preserve District of DuPage County