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# SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST

Fall and Winter 2011  
Programs and Activities



Shawnee National Forest Headquarters  
50 Highway 145 South  
Harrisburg, IL 62946  
Open daily 8AM – 4:30PM  
(618) 253-7114  
[www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee](http://www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee)

**\* Registration is not necessary unless specified**  
**\*All programs are free unless specified**

## SEPTEMBER

### Weeks Act Centennial Display

**September 1-October 31**  
**Mon-Fri, 8AM to 4:30PM**

The Forest Service is celebrating the 100th anniversary of one of the most successful land conservation efforts in the U.S. The Weeks Act was signed into law in 1911 and allowed the use of federal funding to purchase cut-over and eroded forest land for natural resource conservation. Today these lands are valuable forests, providing clean water, wildlife, recreation, forest products and a variety of other goods and services. Stop by the Shawnee National Forest Headquarters to learn about the role of the Weeks Act in the creation of the Shawnee National Forest!

**Location:** Shawnee National Forest Headquarters, 50 Hwy 145 S, Harrisburg, IL

**For more information:** contact Sue Hirsch, Forest Headquarters, 618-253-7114

### National Public Lands Day

**Saturday, September 24**  
**10AM to 5PM**

Make a difference today! Join the Shawnee Volunteer Corps for a trail service day in Panther Den Wilderness. Volunteers will work with Shawnee National Forest employees to reroute Panther Den trail. Volunteers will meet at Murphysboro Work Center. Please arrive between 9:30 and 9:45AM to fill out paperwork. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes, and bring a water bottle and gloves if you have them.

**Location:** Meet at Murphysboro Work Center, 2221 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, IL

**For more information or to pre-register:** contact Mark Blean, Murphysboro Work Center, 618-687-1731 ext.125; shawneevolunteercorps@yahoo.com

### Heritage Lecture Series, Part 1:

**Tuesday, September 27**  
**7PM to 8PM**

#### Native American Rock Art of Illinois

**Presented by: Dr. Mark Wagner**—Illinois contains almost 90 painted or carved rock art sites, many of which are located in the Shawnee Hills of southern Illinois. These can be found on bluff sides, in rock shelters, on boulders, and in caves. Learn about the types of sites that occur in Illinois, their age, and why they were created. Discover several rock art sites located on the Shawnee National Forest that are open to the public.

**Location:** Morris Library, Guyon Auditorium, Carbondale, IL

**For more information:** contact Sue Hirsch, Forest Headquarters, 618-253-7114

### Heritage Lecture Series, Part 1:

**Thursday, September 29**  
**7PM to 8PM**

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## OCTOBER

### Shawnee Volunteer Corps Trail Service Days

Every Saturday in October  
10AM to 5PM

Volunteers will work with Shawnee National Forest employees to reroute Panther Den trail or else perform general trail maintenance projects on the Hidden Springs Ranger District. Volunteers will meet at Murphysboro Work Center. Please arrive between 9:30 and 9:45AM to fill out paperwork. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes, and bring a water bottle and gloves if you have them.

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### Critter Night

Friday, October 14  
5PM to 7PM

Come join the Shawnee National Forest for an evening of discovery and learning as we explore the nocturnal animals of Southern Illinois! All ages are welcome to participate in nocturnal animal crafts, games, and activities, and enjoy a presentation by Bev Shofstall of Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Large groups (Scouts, 4-H clubs, etc)--please call ahead to pre-register.

**Location:** Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds, 521 N. Main St, Jonesboro, IL

**Contact:** Linda Hauser, Jonesboro Ranger Station, 618-833-8576

### Fun at Ferne Clyffe! (Girl Scout Event)

Saturday, October 15  
Brownies - 10AM to 11:30AM  
Juniors - 11AM to 12:30PM  
Cadettes - 1PM to 2:30PM

Enjoy some time outdoors surrounded by the beautiful fall colors of Ferne Clyffe State Park! Visit Ferne Clyffe Lake and enjoy crafts and outdoor activities with Forest Rangers. Make 'n' take your own nature pack and earn stuff for your pack as you complete activities along the trail. Registration required.

**Cost:** \$7/girl (includes 2 patches and a snack)

**Location:** Ferne Clyffe State Park, Goreville, IL

**To register, contact:** Jennifer Randolph, Girl Scouts of Southern IL; 618-692-0692 ext. 2114

### Heritage Lecture Series, Part 2:

Tuesday, October 18  
7PM to 8PM

"Suitable Only for Tree Crops"—History of the Shawnee National Forest

**Presented by: Mary McCorvie**—Early American settlers did not think of the southern Illinois wilderness as a place for solitude and meditation as it is sometimes referred to today, but instead as a worthy adversary to be conquered by ax and plow. During the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, much of the land in southern Illinois was cleared for farming and industry. This practice led to severe erosion of the landscape and exhaustion of the natural fertility of the soil, until much of the area was considered a wasteland "suitable only for tree crops." Learn about southern Illinois's early settlers and their use of the land. Discover how the Weeks Act was instrumental in the formation of the Shawnee National Forest and led to its restoration.

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Sustainable Living Expo

Saturday, October 22  
9AM to 4PM

An event for all ages, all income levels, and all shades of green! Come and learn about topics related to locally-grown foods, energy, consumption, conservation, and survival. Gain knowledge from informative presentations, demonstrations, exhibits, and local artisans and vendors. There will be an activity area for the kid’s, and more! Drawings will be held for local products and artisan creations! Must be present to win. The event has free admission; please register in advance online or upon arrival.

**Location:** Dixon Springs Agricultural Center (DSAC), located on Hwy 145 south of Glendale, IL

**For more information or to register on-line:** visit [www.SLEexpo.org](http://www.SLEexpo.org)

**For further questions:** contact Richard Blume-Weaver, Forest Headquarters, 618-253-7114

Passport in Time

Southern Illinois Community Quilt

Saturday, October 22  
9AM to 4PM

Please join us at the Sustainable Living Expo and bring a sewing machine, scissors, glue and ideas! We will be making a landscape quilt reflecting the ideas in sustainable living – with a southern Illinois twist! We will be incorporating our environmental, cultural, and economic values into a community quilt. Don’t worry if you have never quilted before – just bring yourself, your ideas and your interest!

**Location:** Dixon Springs Agricultural Center (DSAC). Volunteers will meet at Conference Center at DSAC, located on Hwy 145 south of Glendale, IL

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## NOVEMBER

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