



Ironhorse Suggested Adventure Hikes 2024-2025

This series of hikes encourages scouts to visit Nature Centers around the Chicagoland Area.

We recommend visiting Pilcher Park in Joliet on the day they host their annual pancake breakfast/ tree tapping/syrup making classes as they tap maple trees to demonstrate syrup making, you must register in advance for demonstrations.

I have talked with Cook County Forest Preserves and explained that we don't know when or how many scouts might arrive at any given time. Their request is not to overwhelm the visitors centers so please visit the interior one den or patrol at a time unless your Pack or Troop has less than 20 people total. When hiking the nat you can proceed as a group. You may visit nature centers any time your den wishes.



Hike Locations;

(Note: These are suggestions, you can visit these locations any date and time open and in any order you like);

Trail Location	Suggested Date	Location	Phone number
River Trail Nature Center	11/08/25	3120 Milwaukee Ave Northbrook, IL 60062	847-824-8360
Pilcher Park (Note: Suggested date is syrup demo date)	03/09/24 (registration required)	2501 Highland Park Dr, Joliet, IL 60432	815-741-7277
Trailside Museum	10/11/25	738 Thatcher Ave River Forest, IL 60305	708-366-6530
Little Red School House	11/09/24	9800 Willow Springs Rd Willow Springs, IL 60480	708-839-6897
Crabtree Nature Center	04/13/24	3 Stover Rd Barrington Hills, IL 60010	847-381-6592
Sandridge Nature Center	04/12/25	15891 Paxton Ave South Holland, IL 60473	708-868-0606

If desired, patches may be purchased at <http://www.saukthorncreektrails.com/>