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**Celebrate the opening of Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve in Hampshire**

GENEVA, IL — Come celebrate 600 acres of newly restored Illinois prairie and other amenity improvements at Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve in Hampshire, Saturday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m.

We'll celebrate Kane County's newest improved forest preserve with a ribbon-cutting, complimentary light refreshments, nature hikes, horse-drawn wagon rides, a scavenger hunt and more.

Bring a guest or your entire family — all are welcome at this free event.

This 800-acre preserve has undergone major renovation since being acquired by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. The hundreds of acres of prairie here are sure to be a popular spot for grassland birds including bobolink, dickcissel, grassland sparrow, eastern meadowlark and more.

Preserve amenities include:

- Over four miles of multi-purpose, limestone trail, suitable for hiking, bicycling or equestrian use
- Interpretive signage
- A picnic shelter with electricity and grill
- Drinking fountain
- Restrooms
- A paved entrance drive
- Two parking lots including one with equestrian trailer parking

For more information on Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve or the grand opening celebration, visit our Web site at [kaneforest.com](http://kaneforest.com).