

YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURE

WINTER/SPRING 2022



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summer ever!

We love challenge

Explore the outdoors
in new ways

Be a friend to nature



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A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDERS

Hello and happy new year, adventurers!

If the past year has taught us anything, it's the value of creating memorable experiences. We need to remind ourselves to seek out adventure and explore new ways to challenge ourselves and others in a positive way. Without challenge, we cannot grow and become our best selves. With that in mind, we encourage you to tackle 2022 head-on. Explore more. Play more. Make more memories!

Now that we've got a full year of adventure under our belt at The Forge, we're stepping up our game and offering MORE ways than ever to get outside and play! We're kicking off the new year with everything you need to know to plan your epic winter and spring adventures. This guidebook and its future editions will serve as your roadmap for your outdoor experiences at the park.

We're always coming up with new ways to play, so keep an eye on our social channels and website for more events and activities coming soon.

I wish you an amazing new year on behalf of the entire Forge family! Remember: Adventure Comes in Endless Forms.

Sincerely,

Jeremie Bacon
CEO and Co-Founder of The Forge: Lemont Quarries

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From ropes courses, ziplines, climbing towers, running & hiking trails, mountain biking, flatwater paddling, laser tag and numerous other activities, our park provides a community-focused, authentic outdoor experience for the entire Chicagoland area.





Guided Climbing Adventure

Climb and zipline through beginner, intermediate, and advanced aerial ropes challenge elements! This guided experience will take you and your adventure buddies on the winter adventure of a lifetime!

- January - April
- Saturdays & Sundays, starting at 10:30am
- Reservations required at least 24 hours in advance

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Ice Skating

It wouldn't be the winter season without this classic activity! Lace-up your skates (or use a pair of ours) and glide across The Forge's ice skating rink.

- January - February, weather permitting
- Thursdays & Fridays, starting at 4:00pm
- Saturdays & Sundays, starting at 10:00am

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Kids Adventure Zone

Our jungle gym in the sky is fun all year round for children aged three to thirteen. Kids can climb more than 12 feet in safety-netted structures and challenge themselves on more than thirty fun ropes course elements. With climbing nets, ziplines, balance lines, and more, your kids will love the freedom found within our one-of-a-kind play area!

- Thursdays & Fridays, starting at 4:30pm
- Saturdays & Sundays, starting at 9:30am

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Tactical Laser Tag

Get your adrenaline pumping all year round with an exciting game of tactical laser tag! Playing tactical laser tag is a great way for people age 5 and up to experience the thrill of simulated combat experience without the pain and added expense of paintball. Experience hyper-realistic sound effects while playing with military-grade replica weapons in small teams or large groups.

- Thursdays & Fridays, starting at 4:30pm
- Saturdays & Sundays, starting at 10:00am

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AR Adventure Games

Have you ever visited an escape room or participated in a scavenger hunt? Well, if you think those activities are fun, just wait until you try one of our augmented reality outdoor escape adventure games! Our platform experience is a mixture of an escape room, scavenger hunt, and location-based adventure rolled into an unforgettable augmented reality experience.

- Thursdays & Fridays, starting at 4:30pm
- Saturdays & Sundays, starting at 10:30am

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Climb & Zipline Adventure

Experience up to four hours of self-guided fun at our adventure park! You decide where you start and what you do while you're here. Our elements range from easy to difficult, allowing you to choose your own adventure every time you climb.

- Opens May 2022, weather permitting

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Mountain Bikes

Grab your bike and get ready to ride! You decide which biking elements you want to ride and when you want to ride them. The Drop-In has all the goods: big jumps, rock gardens, huge berms, tech areas, and a ton of flow. Built to help you boost your skills, there's plenty here to keep you coming back for more!

- Opens May 2022, weather permitting

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Paddlesports

Kayaks & canoes, oh my! Enjoy a relaxing afternoon out on the Forge Quarry! Boat rentals (and safety gear!) are provided to ensure a fun and safe adventure and our dock is ADA compliant, including adaptive equipment to facilitate access for guests of all ages and abilities.

- Opens May 2022, weather permitting

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Adaptive Adventures

The Forge: Lemont Quarries offers unique activities and programming for adventurers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. We have a specialized team of staff who have undergone additional training beyond our rigorous basic course to handle guests with disabilities.

- Opens May 2022, weather permitting

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EDUCATE

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We are dedicated to education, conservation, and restoration. Our programs include summer camps, customizable team-building activities for groups and schools, and specialized service opportunities for groups and individuals.



Outdoor Adventures **COMING SPRING 2022**

In The Wild Scavenger Hunt

Select a trail from The Forge Trail Guide and follow the Scavenger Hunt Checklist of Nature Challenges. Activity materials will be picked up from the Paddlesports Check-In Container.

- Great for all ages
- Self-Guided
- Perfect for youth, school, scout groups, and birthday parties

Lemont Quarries Jeremiah Luther Treasure Hunt

Jeremiah Luther was a quarryman turned prospector in the 1800's. Your mission is to find his buried gold in the quarries! Activity materials will be picked up from the Paddlesports Check-In Container.

- Great for all ages
- Self-Guided
- Perfect for youth, school, scout groups, and birthday parties

Nature Hunts

COMING SPRING 2022

Winging It!

Discover and identify some of our winged friends. Bird watch and learn more about their habitats on this approximately 2-mile hike.

- Great for all ages
- Self-Guided

Leaf It Be!

Discover and identify local plants and trees, as well as some gorgeous natural elements on this approximately 2-mile hike.

- Great for all ages
- Self-Guided
- Perfect for youth, school, scout groups, and birthday parties

Legends in Limestone!

Learn some of the history of the Quarries, discover key artifact sites, and observe the natural elements of the area on this approximately 2-mile hike.

- Great for all ages
- Self-Guided

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Conservation Sundays

New to 2022: Conservation Sundays! Every month, we will highlight our outdoor natural beauty with free interactive and engaging guided walking activities. Advance registration is required for all Conservation Sunday activities. For more information, head to www.forgeparks.com/educate

Get Outside and BREATHE! - January 16, 2022

Conservation Sundays kick off the New Year with Guided Nature Trail Hikes throughout the Heritage Quarries and The Forge Trails system. Hikes will be led by Forge staff as well as local Community groups. A little history, a little nature observation, and a lot of fun discovering what winter is doing out there!

- Guided Nature Hike
- Hikes begin at 10am & 12pm
- Approximately 1 hour to 90 minutes (weather pending)

Great Backyard Bird Count! - February 20, 2022

Each year people from around the world come together to watch, learn about, count, and celebrate birds! We will head off on trails to count birds and report our sightings online at birdcount.org. Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from beginning bird watchers to experts. Each checklist submitted during the GBBC helps researchers at the National Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Birds Canada learn more about how birds are doing and how to protect them and the environment we share. You will be part of creating the largest instantaneous snapshot of global bird populations scientists can have! We'll have a Bird Expert on site to help with identifications.

- Self-Guided, Guided Bird Watching
- Bring your phone/tablet to count
- Walks begin at 10am & 12pm
- Approximately 1 hour to 90 minutes (weather pending)

Pictures in Nature - March 20, 2022

Local Professional Photographer Brad Tammaro will lead a guided walk through The Forge trail system working with you to "find the stories in Nature". Develop your artistic eye for details in Nature, make stronger visual choices with your lens and have fun discovering pictures you might have overlooked! It's time to train your eye to see the details of nature's beauty!

- Bring your phone or camera
- Hike begins at 10am

May Day - May 15, 2022

Come and learn about native landscaping and flowers! Stop by and learn how to make seed bombs and how to grow your own herb garden for your backyard. Help plant day lilies around the park.

- Walk begins at 10am

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Special Events

The Forge Winter Youth Fishing & Firepit Derby - February 19, 2022

Bring your young anglers out to The Forge's Quarry Lake for a Winter Fishing Derby. We'll light up firepits, you bring the blankets! Cash prize will be awarded in each age group for most fish caught.

- 8:00am - 10:30am
 - \$5 Registration Fee for each Youth Fisher
 - Catch & Release
 - Age Groups:
 - 8 years old and below
 - 9 to 12 years old
 - 13 to 16 years old
- *16 year olds require Fishing License, please present at check-in

Spring Break Camp - Climbing Adventure - March 31 & April 1, 2022

Spend 2 days learning & fine-tuning climbing skills. Camp will mix instruction and independent climbing time, giving campers the opportunity to hang out with like-minded friends while developing climbing skills, taking healthy risks, problem-solving, and building valuable climbing-specific strength. Campers will experience rock climbing, tyrolean zip lines, rappelling, bouldering, and our low ropes course. The 2 days end with one big ZIP across The Forge Quarry Lake!

- 9:00am - 3:00pm
- Ages: 10 - 15, must be 70lbs to participate

The Forge Celebrates Earth Day Summit - April 23, 2022

We are Global Citizens in the race to save our planet and protect her precious resources. Celebrate this amazing planet with The Forge Charitable Adventures. Speakers will include local and state government officials, corporations, and environment organizations. Activists will be on-hand to discuss current hot topics and lead projects to tackle climate control issues. Participate in activities, crafts, demonstrations, and workshops.

- 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Free event

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Instructional Classes

Pump Track & Skills Track for Youth Beginners - May 5 & May 12, 2022

Learn the fundamentals of mountain biking to develop and sharpen skills. Learn about equipment, basic techniques, safety, etiquette, proper form, and lingo/culture of the sport!

- 4:00 - 5:30pm
- Maximum age: 15 years old
- Must be 42"

Pump Track & Skills Track for Adult Beginners - May 19 & May 26, 2022

Learn the fundamentals of mountain biking mixed with more opportunities to challenge yourself and test out your skills

- 4:00 - 5:30pm
- Minimum age: 16 years old
- Beginner to Intermediate levels

Informational Events

Quarry Camp Parents Eventing - May 25, 2022

This is an opportunity for Quarry Camp parents & guardians to ask questions and to learn more about pick up procedures, drop off procedures, camp rules, and schedule. You'll meet with the Education Director and the Camp Director, and get a chance to tour the park!

- 5:00pm to 6:30pm

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Quarry Camp is an all-around Adventure Camp that strives to foster personal growth for children by providing them a variety of fun, safe educational/recreational programs, outdoor experiences, and group activities.

Throughout the week, campers will work on Art & STEM-based Educate projects, experience our Exhilarate activities (Kayak & Canoe, Mountain Biking, Laser Tag, Bouldering, Kids Adventure Zone) as well as Nature Orienteering Hikes and Scavenger Hunts.

REGISTER AGES 7 - 9

REGISTER AGES 10 - 14

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sample schedule

Activity Sessions include: Climbing, Paddlesports, Tactical Laser Tag, Archery, Archery Tag, Water Tag, Scavenger Hunts, Orienteering, and more!

Schedule is subject to change

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:00-8:30:	Check-In/Drop-Off
8:30-8:50:	Energizers
9:00-12:00:	Activity Session
12:00-12:30:	Lunch
1:30-3:00:	Art Activity or Explore Activity [Thursdays: Weekly Theme Activity]
3:00-3:45:	Snack Time [Mondays: Mandela Art Activity]
3:45-4:00:	Huddle Up & Send Off
4:00-4:30:	Pick-Up

Wednesday

8:00-8:30:	Check-In/Drop-Off
8:30-8:50:	Energizers
9:00-11:30:	Conservation Experience
11:30-11:45:	Snack
11:45-12:45:	Conservation Experience/Kindness Rocks Project
12:45-1:30:	Lunch & Freetime/Lawn Games/Art Station/Journal
12:45-3:45:	Activity Time [Mondays: Mandela Art Activity]
3:45-4:00:	Huddle Up & Send Off
4:00-4:30:	Pick-Up

Friday

8:00-8:30:	Check-In/Drop-Off
8:30-8:50:	Energizers
9:00-11:30:	Free Choice Activity (Climbing not included)
11:30-11:45:	Snack
11:45-12:45:	Free Choice Activity (Climbing not included)
12:45-1:30:	Lunch & Freetime/Lawn Games/Art Station/Journal
1:30-3:30:	ALL CAMP CRAZY GAMES & RELAYS
3:30-3:45:	Popsicles & Clean Up
3:45-4:00:	Huddle Up & Send Off
4:00-4:30:	Pick-Up



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Adventurers can kick back and relax with a host of unique opportunities at Lemont Quarries. Experience live music programming, outdoor festivals, seasonal events, healthy food & beverage options, adventure dining, and more all year long.





Forgefire Globe Dining

Join us for an unforgettable dining experience in one of our climate-controlled globes. Our cozy see-through globes offer seating for groups of 2 to 4 people and feature a candlelit view of the picturesque Forge Quarry with the iconic ropes course towers in the distance. We'll also be featuring four special winter menus that will rotate each weekend so you can experience a new delicious meal every time you visit!

- Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
- January through March
- 4pm & 6pm

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Forgefire Valentine's Weekend Globe Dining

Looking for a date night idea? Warm your heart and your belly with our special Valentine's weekend menu.

- February 11 - 13, 2022

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St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Join The Forge for live music and curated meals to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day holiday! A special holiday scavenger hunt will also be available.

- March 19 & March 20, 2022

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Easter Celebration

Hop on down to The Forge to celebrate Easter! Details to come for this mini-celebration!

- Easter Weekend

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Fat Tire Bike Race & Tour

The Forge Fat Tire Bike Race & Tour will be the first Fat Tire race in the Chicagoland area. The Fat Tire Race and Tour offers an exhilarating, adventurous experience for cyclists of all abilities. The Race and Tour courses explore the trails within the Park and the adjoining trails of the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area and I&M Trails, located adjacent to historic downtown Lemont. Cyclists and spectators will enjoy views of the Park's exhilarating attractions and natural ecosystem, which includes the historic I&M Canal and multiple quarry lakes, all in (hopefully) a winter wonderland!

- January 15, 2022

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Half-Marathon Race

The Forge Trail Half Marathon is one of the few long-distance trail races in the Chicago area. The race will take place on the gravel/crushed limestone and single-track mountain bike trails throughout The Forge: Lemont Quarries Adventure Park and adjoining Heritage Quarries Recreation Area and I&M Canal trails.

- March 19, 2022

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Learn more about our race series at
www.forgeparks.com/races

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We are more than just an adventure park. We are a community, a place to grow, a place to challenge yourself.



Friends of The Forge

Volunteers are the backbone of The Forge: Lemont Quarries community. As a volunteer, you have endless opportunities to make a difference, share your skills, and connect with people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Explore impactful adventures as a Friends of The Forge volunteer, with individual and group volunteer opportunities available.

Need volunteer hours? Want to give back to the community? Below are our upcoming volunteer opportunities. Each session is an approximately 3 hour long commitment on a Saturday morning. Learn more at www.forgeparks.com/friends-of-the-forge

- February 19, 2022 - Northside Trail Clearing
- March 12, 2022 - Northside Trail Clearing
- April 9, 2022 - Northside Trail Clearing & Trail Building
- April 23, 2022 - Earth Day! Planting & Seeding
- May 14, 2022 - Seeding

Groups

The Forge: Lemont Quarries is the perfect place to host birthday parties, group activities, corporate outings, and special events like weddings, reunions, parties, and more. We offer multiple types of packages ranging from educational to team building to birthday fun.

For more information and to get in contact with our guest experience team, head to www.forgeparks.com/groups



Guest Experience

Need to get in contact with one of our Guest Experience team members? Head to www.forgeparks.com/contact-us to contact our team via chat, email, or scheduled phone call and we will be happy to answer any of your questions about the park or assist with any changes to your reservations.

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Weather Policy

All activities proceed rain, snow, or shine unless otherwise stated by The Forge: Lemont Quarries staff. In the event of adverse weather, some or all activities may be unavailable. Guests with impacted reservations will be communicated with via email and announcements made on our website and social channels. Please check weather conditions prior to purchasing any activity pass.



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements for Climb + Zipline?

To be able to experience our Climb + Zipline Adventure Course, we do require participants to be a minimum of 70 lbs and 52 inches and a maximum of 250 lbs and 6 foot 6 inches. We also require that any participant 13 years and younger have an accompanying adult up on the course with them.

Where are you located?

The Forge is located at 1001 Main Street Lemont, IL.
For more information about directions please click here:
www.forgeparks.com/directions

Are reservations required to visit the park?

Reservations are recommended to guarantee availability for your adventure. However, walk-up reservations may be possible as long as we have availability.

Is there a fee to enter the park? Do you charge for parking?

There are no entrance or parking fees at The Forge: Lemont Quarries. Anyone can come to the park and walk or bike on our public trails or just people-watch! You only pay for activities like climbing, ziplining, laser tag, boating, etc.

What should I wear?

We are an outdoor park, so please dress for the weather. We recommend comfortable clothing and shoes as you will be moving around a lot! Closed-toe, no-slip shoes are required when climbing. Crocs or sandals with straps are not acceptable to climb in.

Do you serve food?

Our on-site restaurant, The Foundry, has grab-and-go food, snacks, and beverages year-round. During the winter months, we have Globe Dining with a rotating weekly menu created by our in-house chef. In the summer, we have Forgefire Adventure Dining each weekend.



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