

Friends of the Chicago River



Become a Wildlife Monitor

Friends of the Chicago River has restored habitat for three river-dependent species:
Osprey, Bats, and Turtles; and we need your help to monitor them.

These trainings will provide all of the necessary information and expectations for interested volunteers to monitor these animals and their habitats.

The best part is that no experience is needed. Groups and families are encouraged.
Children under 18 must monitor with an adult.

We are asking volunteers to commit to at least one habitat location and be able to monitor at least twice per month during the breeding season (May to August).
Habitats are located to the north (Glencoe, Winnetka, Northfield, and Morton Grove) and south (Midlothian, Riverdale, Thornton and Chicago Heights).

We are especially interested in volunteers willing to monitor the southern sites listed above.



Upcoming Trainings for Volunteer Wildlife Monitors:

Thursday, March 24, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Urban Rivers, 1440 North Kingsbury St., Chicago, IL

Saturday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ford Calumet Environmental Center, 11555 South Stony Is. Ave., Chicago, IL

Training sessions will take place in person. Pre-registration is required.

Please register for only one session.

Both sessions cover the same information.

To register, please email Mark Hauser at mhauser@chicagoriver.org