

Take your class to the Smithsonian!

... right here in Will County



The **Smithsonian** is coming to town! The **Forest Preserve District of Will County** has been selected to host **Water|Ways** a traveling exhibit examining the significance of water in the human experience. Hosted at **Four Rivers Environmental Education Center** from January 28-March 11th, 2017, there are several ways your students can have the Smithsonian experience. Do not hesitate, as dates and availability are limited.

[Water|Ways Field Trip, 5th & 6th Grades](#)

Naturalists lead students through the *Water|Ways* exhibits and interact with fun activities to learn about local and global water concerns. Students are challenged to engineer solutions for today's water issues.

Program Length: 2 hours

Reservations are required

[Water|Ways Self-Guided Field Trip, 7th – 12th Grades](#)

Bring your students to experience *Water|Ways* and several locally focused companion exhibits. The self-guided student worksheet explores the relationship between humans and water.

Program Length: 1-1.5 hours

Reservations are required

[Water|Ways Resource Loan Kits for In-School Use, K-4th Grades](#)

Loan kits have a collection of books highlighting rivers and the wonders of water. Each book is accompanied by lesson plans or suggested activities that teachers can do with their classes. Kits also include materials and props to enhance lessons. Loan kits are free of charge and available for a two-week loan period. Two loan kits are available for reservation. Pick up and drop off is at Four Rivers.

Field Trip Availability: January 31 – March 2. Tuesday – Thursday

Maximum of 2 classes (60 students) per time slot

To reserve a loan kit or book a field trip, please call 815-722-9470 or email FReducation@fpdwc.org.



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