

APRIL

Saturday, April 2

Birds of a Feather: Take Flight on a Bird Walk

10:30am – 12 noon

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Sunday, April 10

Our Amazing Plant World

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Sunday, April 10

The Magical Forest

11:30am – 1pm

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Home Sweet Home

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Sunday, April 17

It's in Your Nature: Exploring the Wild

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Sunday, May 1

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