

Answers to Trivia Trail

Fox River Forest Preserve

October 2020

1. **Sunflowers.** Try using the Illinois Wildflowers app to help identify flowers.
2. **Shagbark hickory.** Check out the LeafSnap app for plant identification.
3. **Youth Group Camp Site:** [LCFPD.org/Fox-River](https://www.lcfd.org/Fox-River)
4. **Bald eagle.** The Merlin Bird ID app is a good one to help identify birds.
5. The Fox River is named for the **Fox Tribe (Menominee) of Wisconsin**, whose self-given name was "Red Earth People." In the 17th century, explorers Louis Jolliet and Jacques Marquette interpreted the tribe's name as "Renard" meaning "Fox" in French for the reddish color of foxes.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/36mi4hC>

6. **6:30AM-10PM:** [LCFPD.org/Fox-River-Marina](https://www.lcfd.org/Fox-River-Marina)
7. **Rookery.** [All About Birds](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/) is a great website to learn about birds.
8. **Fen:** [LCFPD.org/Fox-River](https://www.lcfd.org/Fox-River)
9. **Three.** For bat house plans and more info about bats, visit [batcon.org](https://www.batcon.org).
10. **Slocum Lake Drain.** Listed on the site map.
11. Roberts Road was named for **John "Jack" W. Roberts** (1866-1938), an Irish immigrant and wealthy Chicago meat packer. Roberts was born in County Clare, Ireland and came to Chicago in the early 1890s where he started the meat packing firm of Roberts and Oake. During World War I, Roberts served in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel. In 1926, Colonel Roberts and his wife



Mary purchased 400 acres along this road. By 1932, the road officially became known as Roberts Road.

12. In the 1840s, Irish immigrants **Bryan Courtney** (1812-1889) and his wife Rosa became one of the earliest land purchasers at today's Fox River Preserve. The family initially lived in a log home until they were able to build a frame house and barns for their farm. Courtney family descendants lived on this site for decades.

13. Mid-October to May 1: [LCFPD.org/Fox-River](https://www.lcfd.org/Fox-River)

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