

Woodland Creatures

Let's jump start our imagination and become woodland creatures! Will you be an owl, squirrel, or raccoon? Where does your creature live and how is it preparing for the cold winter months? Happy mask making and tag us at @lakeviewnaturearea with your woodland creature adventures!

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Cut out the desired template and glue the design onto a sheet of heavyweight paper or fabric and cut away the excess.
- 2. Carefully cut out the eye holes and punch the side holes reserved for the string.
- 3. Loop string through the holes and adjust to fit.
- 4. Now your woodland mask is ready to wear! Pair your mask with a fun outfit and begin your imaginative adventures!



Great Horned Owl

The great horned owl (Bubo virginianus), has distinctive tufts of feathers or "horns" on each side of its head. It can be recognized by its unique call, "hoo, hoo-oo, hoo, hoo." This owl is a permanent resident across the state of Illinois.

Raccoon

The raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), with its distinctive black fur mask is an amazing climber and is mainly active at night. The raccoon's diet changes throughout the seaons and they can live up to 16 years. Raccoons can be found statewide in Illinois.

Eastern Fox Squirrel

The eastern fox squirrel (Sciurus niger), with its long and bushy tail is a familiar species in neighborhoods. With their rust-yellow body fur and light orange-yellow fur belly, this busy squirrel is a permanent resident throughout Illinois.





