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**The Morton Arboretum's new mini golf experience teed up for May 2024**  
*–Wonder Woods course will highlight science in fun, interactive ways–*

**LISLE, Ill. (Nov. 29, 2023)**— The Morton Arboretum is teeing up a new summertime attraction in 2024, Wonder Woods Mini Golf. The nine-hole pop-up course will be open May 24 through Sept. 2, with interactive, tree-themed features designed for all ages.

“Each hole brings the Arboretum’s tree research to life in a playful way,” said Amy Scott, head of exhibitions. “People enjoy connecting to trees and nature through the Arboretum’s outdoor exhibitions, such as [Of the Earth](#), and this imaginative mini golf course will be another fun way to develop an appreciation for trees, their benefits and their vital importance to a healthy environment.”

The one-of-a-kind course is being designed by the Arboretum and will incorporate whimsical features at each hole to illustrate different scientific concepts, including how sound is used by researchers to detect tree decay or what tree rings can tell scientists about the life of a tree and its environment.

“Our aim is to create a unique course that will be unlike anywhere else,” Scott said. “It will have unexpected elements, such as a foosball-inspired hole with acorns from various species of oak trees to a replica of the Chicago skyline with a stylized urban tree canopy.”

Vibrant visual elements will also illustrate the roles trees play in reducing the impacts of climate change, supporting ecosystems and benefiting communities. For example, one area will include a fabricated tree canopy overhead that will provide shade to minigolfers, highlighting how trees cool streets and homes on hot days.

“The Arboretum continually seeks to inform the public about the importance of environmental stewardship, and fun, family-friendly programming, such as mini golf, helps engage the next generation in becoming tree champions,” Scott said. “We want to foster a connection between trees and people, and inspire everyone to work toward the best ecological outcomes for generations to come, while having a great time.”

The Mini Golf course will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Tickets for the attraction will be in addition to Arboretum general admission. Member tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children, and nonmember tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Additional rounds of play will be available for purchase on-site for a nominal fee. The *Of the Earth* sculpture exhibition will continue through spring 2025, and is also included with admission.

More information about the Arboretum’s new Mini Golf experience will be available at [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org) in 2024.

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### **About The Morton Arboretum**

The Morton Arboretum is an internationally recognized tree-focused botanical garden and research center near Chicago in Lisle, Illinois. Its 1,700 acres include specialty tree and plant collections, 9 miles of roads and 16 miles of hiking trails, a central Grand Garden, Children’s Garden, educational programs and a Visitor Center. Information about exhibitions, events and admission is available at [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org).