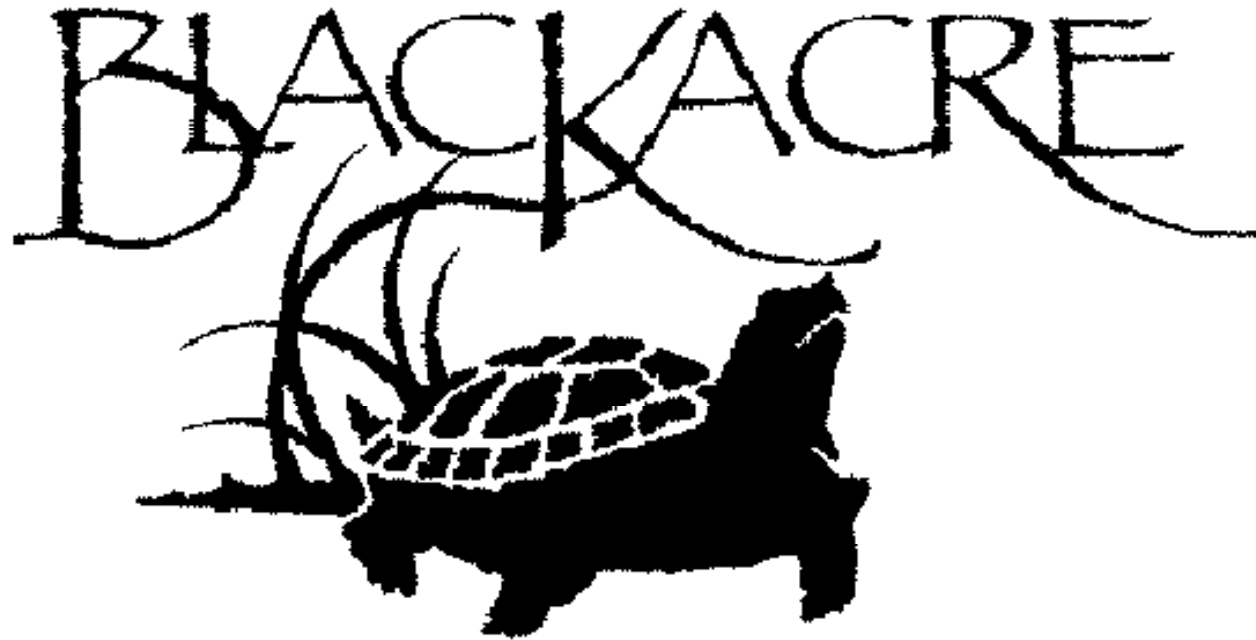


A Hike at



in Late Winter (Almost Spring)

by

Our hike started at the nature
center.

We began by walking down a trail
and into the woods.

It is getting closer to spring. You can tell by looking some of the plants that are getting buds..

There are other ways to tell that
spring will soon be here.

There has been a lot of rain. The ground is soggy and leaves on the ground are very wet.

Along the trail we saw some
daffodils poking up out of the
ground.

The green leaves of the daffodil are showing. The flowers are almost ready to bloom.

We walked past the gully, where
the water has washed away the
soil.

The stream curved back and forth
like a snake moving through the
woods.

We could hear the sound of water tumbling over the waterfall.

The trail led us back into the woods.

We had to climb over a tree that
had fallen over the trail.

We came to a place where we
had to cross a stream.

The water flowed around many
big rocks.

After we crossed the stream
we walked on through the woods.

The trail spilled us out into the
meadow.

The meadow was filled with brown grass and dried flowers left over from last summer.

When we looked carefully, we
could see little trails made by
deer.

Birds were flying over the
meadow.

Another stream was flowing
through the meadow.

A little wooden bridge kept us
from getting our feet wet.

Across the stream was a
grove of cedar trees.

The cedar trees are evergreen.
They stay green all year.

The last part of the trail goes up a
very steep hill.

We finally got back to the Nature
Center.

Winter is still here, but it is almost spring. The weather is warmer, the birds are busy, and green plants are starting to come up.

How will Blackacre look when
spring is really here?