

# Illinois Native Plant Society Northeast Chapter

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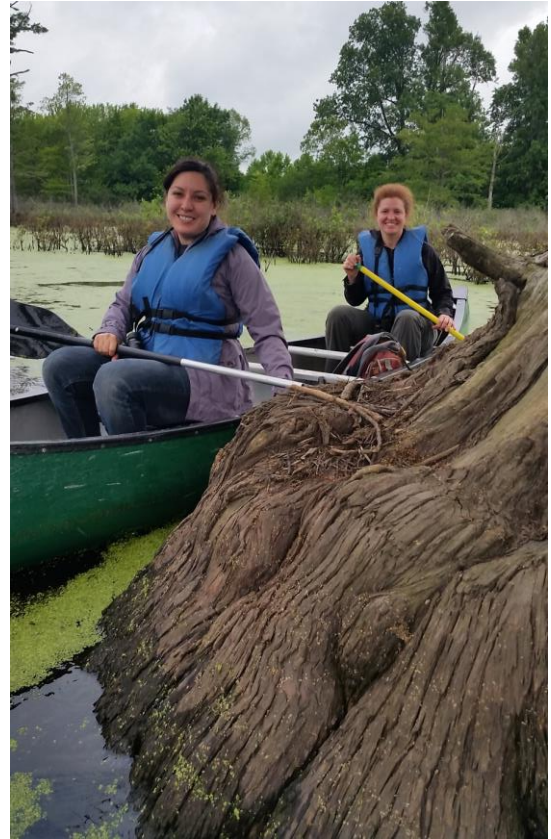
## *A few words from the president*

Hi Northeast Chapter!

This summer feels like it's flying by and I hope you're enjoying its opportunities to get outside. We're excited about a couple field trips coming up- Saturday, July 2 at the Skokie River Prairie Land & Water Reserve in Lake Bluff and Saturday, July 9 at the natural areas of Fermilab in Batavia. Check out the detailed trip descriptions later in the newsletter for dates, times and directions for each of these hikes. Hope to see you there! We're in the process of figuring out some more trips that may take place later this month or August and we'll get you those details when they firm up.

Also, check out these great photos from NE Chapter member, Ed Max's time at the INPS Annual Gathering this June (hosted by the INPS Southern Chapter). And thanks to Ed for the photos!

-Andy



Happy attendees at base of champion cypress  
(1200 yr old)!



*Spigelia marilandica* (Indian Pink)



*Asclepias variegata* (Variegated Milkweed)



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*Rosa palustris* (swamp rose) on cypress stump



*Taxodium distichum* (bald cypress) swamp and tree buttresses, Shale Glade.

## Native Plant Excursions

Visit our Facebook page for more info!

### UPCOMING

#### NE-INPS Native Plant Walk

**Skokie River Prairie Land & Water Reserve  
Lake Bluff (Lake County)**

**July 2, 1:00 pm**

Our next native plant walk is a hike at the Skokie River Prairie Land & Water Reserve in Lake Bluff (Lake County), which is managed by the Lake Bluff Open Lands Association. LBOLA president, Larry McCotter will lead us on a tour of the preserve which is especially known for its diverse prairie and wetland communities.

We'll plan to meet at 1 PM at the preserve parking lot which is located in Lake Bluff on the south side of route 176 (Rockland Road), about 4 tenths of a mile west of Green Bay Road. The GPS coordinates for the parking lot are: 42.279020, -87.862852. Click this link for a google map of the parking lot: [Google Map](#).

We'll probably be out there for a couple hours or so and though we'll be fine without waterproof footwear, we may check out a spot that's seasonally wet. Right now the forecast for Saturday is 72 degrees and sunny- we hope you can join us out there for a beautiful hike on what should be a beautiful day!

Please RSVP to field trip coordinator, Andy Olnas at [andy.olnas@gmail.com](mailto:andy.olnas@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so we can get an idea of how many people to expect. If you need to get in touch with us on the day of the trip, Andy can be reached on his cell phone at 847-840-2634.

#### NE-INPS Native Plant Walk

**Fermilab (DuPage County)**

**July 9, 1:00 pm**

We hope you can join us Saturday, July 9 for a native plant walk at Fermilab's natural areas in Batavia!

Fermilab ecologist Ryan Campbell will lead us on a tour through prairie and woodland communities and we're very much looking forward to checking them out. For more information about the natural areas at Fermi check out this [link to their website](#).

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We'll meet at the Lederman Science Center parking lot at 1 PM and will head out on our hike from there. The parking lot is at approximately these GPS coordinates: 41.839958, -88.266180 and here's a link to a [google map](#) of the lot: google map. Visit this link to Fermilab's website for additional clear directions to the Lederman Science Center: [directions](#).

\*Please note that a valid photo ID is required to enter the Fermilab site, and you must also tell the security officer the purpose for your visit (a guided tour of the natural areas). All U.S. state-issued IDs are accepted at the security checkpoints. Click this link for more info about visiting Fermilab:

<http://www.fnal.gov/pub/visiting/hours/index.html>.

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## Cook County

Join Canyon Tours at Sagawau every Sunday in July. You can hike the Bur Edge Trail (Barrington Hills) in celebration of the holiday (7/4). There is a Garfield Park Tree ID Walk on 7/8 (pre-registration required), a special Master Gardener Native Plant Walk in Northbrook on 7/9, and a Woodland Ramble in River Forest (also on 7/9). Calumet City is the place to Powerwalk the Greenway (7/16). If you want to do a night hike, head over to Northbrook on 7/20 or to South Holland on 7/22. Check out the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's [web page](#) for complete FP listings.

## DuPage County

Participate in a Nature Walk at St. James Farm (7/2, 8/6). West Chicago Prairie Hike (8/6). There is a ranger-led nature hike at McKee Marsh on 8/7 and a Full Moon Hike at Waterfall Glen on 8/15. Visit the [DuPage County Forest Preserve](#) web site for locations and schedule details. The Greater DuPage Wild Ones chapter is hosting a [Native Plants in Roselle](#) Subdivision Lots tour where you can see how to incorporate natives into your landscape.

## Kane County

Trek with a Naturalist at Grunwald Farms (7/21) or Freeman Kame Forest Preserve (8/19). Download the latest [Tree Line Newsletter](#) for more information.

## Lake County

The next outing of Walk with a Naturalist is at Ray Lake (7/2) followed by Greenbelt in August (8/6). There is a bilingual (English/Spanish) hike on 7/16 at Half Day and another on 8/13 at Greenbelt. Wrap up the month with a Walk on the Wildflower Side at Sedge Meadow (7/30). Visit the [Lake County Forest Preserve](#) web site for locations and schedule details.

## *Other Regional Plant Events*

### UPCOMING

## Cook County

Nature on Tap happens monthly at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (adults only; \$5-\$12 fee; 7/20, 8/17). Find out What's New at Kickapoo on 7/9 (Riverdale) or learn to identify some common invasive non-native plants on 7/10 (Barrington Hills). You can learn about [Pollinators](#) at the next Master Gardener Series at Sagawau on 7/23, followed by [Gardening for Hummingbirds](#) on 8/7. There is a Bryology class offered at Sand Ridge Nature Center (South Holland) on 7/30. Free admission days at The Field Museum for Illinois residents! (8/11, 8/27, and 8/29).

Western Cook County Wild Ones chapter will meet at the [Oak Park Conservatory](#) on 7/7 to tour the new native gardens, but you need to be a Wild Ones member to participate! They are also hosting a discussion on 7/17 on [Restoration and Labagh Woods](#).

## Kane County

Register early to attend special presentations. July 9 you can learn about **Pollinators** (Pingree Grove; \$10 fee) or later in August learn about **Fire: A Prescription for Ecosystem Health** at Peck Farm Park (Orientation Barn, 8/14; \$10 fee). Download the latest issue of [Treeline](#) for



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more information on Kane County Forest Preserve activities.

Northern Kane County Wild Ones has a number of [events this month](#) including a Beach and Dunes Plant Communities talk by Jack Shouba (7/21) followed by a field/road trip to Illinois Beach State Park (7/23) also lead by Jack Shouba.

## Lake County

Heron Creek is having a Nature Open House on 7/23. Lake to Prairie Wild Ones chapter is hosting Rick Knight on 7/5 for his presentation [Climate Change for People](#).

## McHenry County

Tour the native plant ([butterfly](#)) garden of H.M. Hepperlen of Crystal Lake (8/6; fee; registration required) or learn about [monarch butterflies](#) and their host plants (8/14; fee; registration required).

## Webinar or Online

**Restoring the Environment and Developing Youth**  
([Restoration Webinar Series](#); US F&W Service)  
July 7

Positive socioeconomic and environmental outcomes of the Howard County, MD Restoring the Environment and Developing Youth (READY) Program, which implements watershed BMP will be presented.

**The Michigan Dune Alliance: Restoring the Eastern Lake Michigan Coastal Ecosystem**

([Restoration Webinar Series](#); US F&W Service)

July 21

The Alliance's landscape-scale efforts to control invasive terrestrial plants on over 500 miles of Eastern Lake Michigan shoreline – critical habitat for many of the state's species of concern will be discussed.

## Further Afield

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Native Plant Conference**

July 8-10. **THIS CONFERENCE IS SOLD OUT!**

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning, Dayton, OH. The conference includes talks by invited speakers (keynotes by Thomas Rainer, Wil Hershberger and Benjamin Vogt)

and workshops. Follow this [link](#) for more information. Get on the mailing list for early notification if you want to attend NEXT year.

## **24<sup>th</sup> North American Prairie Conference**

From Cemetery Prairies to National Tallgrass Prairies.  
July 17–20.

Illinois State University, Normal, IL

Four days and over 70 presentations covering many aspects of prairie ecology, restoration, management, and more. Registration required. Early registration deadline is 7/1. For more information, follow this [link](#).

## **Forest Communities of Southeastern Wisconsin**

July 29–30, 2016.

University of Wisconsin, Saukville, Wisconsin.

Dr. Gretchen Meyer, Senior Scientist and manager of the Field Station, leads this workshop to regional forest communities of SE Wisconsin. \$105 fee.

## **Pollinator Workshop**

Caesar Creek, Waynesville, Ohio.

August 13.

Guest speakers include Heather Holm, Denise Ellsworth, and Solomon Gamboa. Follow this [link](#) for more information. Fee \$55. [Register now](#) to attend.

Check out [The Outside Calendar](#) for more events.

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

Check out the various Forest Preserve web pages for listings in each county.

## Cook County

Forest Preserve District of Cook County [web page](#).

**Restoration Workdays** at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (no registration required) or River Trail Nature Center (call 847-824-8360 to register).

## DuPage County

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County [web page](#) has lots of listings including **Restoration Workdays** at

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various Prairies and Woods, and at the Native Plant Nursery. Register at 630-933-7681 at least five business days prior.

## Lake County

There are numerous opportunities to assist in **Restoration Workdays** at the Native Seed Nursery or in a variety of communities. Contact the Restoration workday coordinator [Tom Smith](#) to participate. Desk: 847-968-3329, Cell: 847-276-5379. Visit the Lake County Forest Preserve [web page](#) for more information.

[The Habitat Project](#) and [Habitat 2030](#) [ongoing]

## Events At A Glance:

<b>July 2</b>	<b>NE-INPS Skokie River Prairie Land hike</b>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>NE-INPS Fermilab hike</b>
July 9	Pollinators talk
July 17-20	24 <sup>th</sup> NA Prairie Conference
July 23	Pollinators class
July 29-30	Communities of SE Wisc (UWM)
July 30	Bryology class
August 7	Gardening for Hummingbirds

Please check on our NE-INPS or Facebook pages for late additions to the calendar of events.

Got some great ideas for places to go or plants to see?  
Want to hear talks on specific topics?

Send us an email message: [northeast-inps@gmail.com](mailto:northeast-inps@gmail.com) or write me directly at [lindamprince@gmail.com](mailto:lindamprince@gmail.com)

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- \$500     *Life\**

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