



Scheduled Events, 2009

JANUARY

Saturday 3 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.
Saturday 17 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 1 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.
Saturday 14 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.
Saturday 28 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

MARCH

Sunday 15 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.
Saturday 28 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

APRIL

Saturday 4 - *Field Trip*. 7 am - 11 am. View a good mix of winter resident birds and early arrivals.
Saturday 18 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Removal of Garlic Mustard.
Saturday 25 - *Trail Cleanup*. 9 am - 12 noon. Remove trash from our section of the trail for the annual Illinois Prairie Path cleanup day.

MAY

Saturday 9 - *Field Trip*. 7 am - 11 am. View summer resident birds, migrating warblers and sparrows. We'll record our observations for the annual DuPage County Spring Count.

JUNE

Sunday 7 - *Field Trip*. 8 am - 11 am. Birds: Summer residents. Flowers: Good displays of Spiderwort, Spiked Lobelia, White Wild Indigo, Wild Roses, Marsh Phlox and others.

JULY

Saturday 18 - *Restoration Workday*. 8 am - 11 am. Removal of Sweet Clover.
Saturday 25 - *Restoration Workday*. 8 am - 11 am. Removal of Sweet Clover. Also a good time to visit, with many species in bloom.

AUGUST

Saturday 8 - *Field Trip*. 8 am - 11 am. Good displays of Prairie Dock, False Dragonhead, Nodding Onion, Tall Coreopsis, Prairie Sunflower, Blazing Star and others.
Saturday 29 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. General seed collection, mostly forbs.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 12 - *Annual Meeting and Picnic*. 12 noon - 3 pm. Join us for a potluck picnic, followed by our annual meeting and a field trip.
Sunday 20 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. General seed collection, mostly forbs. Also a good visit.
Saturday 26 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Collection of grasses and forbs.

OCTOBER

Saturday 10 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.
Saturday 24 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

NOVEMBER

Saturday 7 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

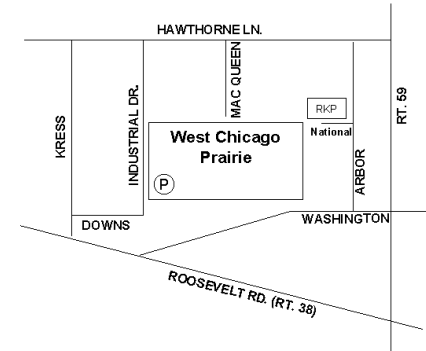
DECEMBER

Saturday 5 - *Restoration Workday*. 9 am - 12 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.
Saturday 19 - *Field Trip*. 8 am - 11 am. View winter resident birds. We'll record our observations for the annual DuPage County Christmas Count. **For this one event, meet at the MacQueen Dr. entrance.**

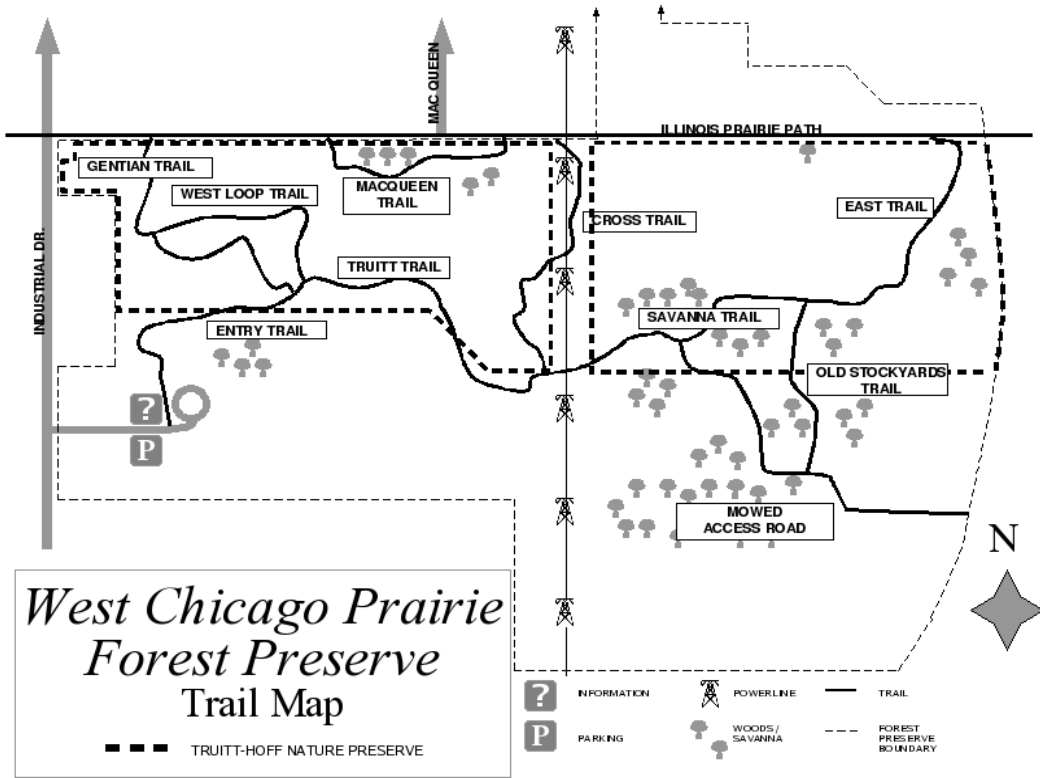
DIRECTIONS

WEST CHICAGO PRAIRIE - Unless specified otherwise, all events begin from the WCP parking lot located on the east side of Industrial Dr. between Western and Downs.

- Students who want to earn service hours are welcome at all the events marked Restoration Workday, as well as the Trail Cleanup. No service credit hours for the field trips.
- All students, and other group of 10 or more should register ahead. Call at least three days in advance, so that we can properly plan.
- For more information, call Steve Sentoff at 630-293-1627 or JoAnn Monge at 630-961-2041, day or evening.



*Restoring the
West Chicago Prairie
since 1983*



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The West Chicago Prairie Stewardship Group is a volunteer organization affiliated with the Conservation Foundation. We are part of the Volunteer Stewardship Network, a joint project of The Nature Conservancy and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, and operate as a support group for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. Our purpose is to aid in the management and preservation of the West Chicago Prairie. We are actively seeking more volunteers to join us in this effort.

Our field trips are conducted by experienced leaders who identify flora and fauna, discuss prairie ecology, and explain the need for such management practices as burning, brush removal and seeding. Field

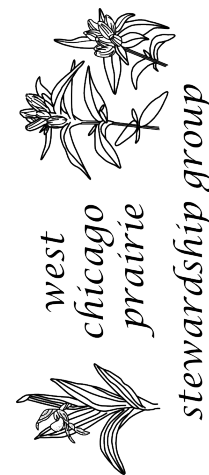
trips and bird trips are timed to view the prairie at peak times of bloom and bird activity.

Proper field clothing (no shorts or sandals) will make these trips more enjoyable.

Workdays accomplish the necessary clearing, seed collection and seeding to preserve and restore the prairie and provide the means for learning various management techniques. No previous experience is required to participate in workdays. We provide any necessary tools, but please bring work gloves.

The Prairie is open to the public daily. Blooming periods of the common flora, bird observations and trail descriptions are posted at the parking lot (closed December - February). The Prairie can also be entered from the Illinois Prairie Path at Industrial Dr., MacQueen Dr. and Reed-Keppler Park in West Chicago (across the IPP bridge).

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Scheduled Events and Trail Map