



## Scheduled Events, 2012

### JANUARY

**Saturday 7** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

**Saturday 21** — *Restoration Work Day*. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

### FEBRUARY

**Saturday 4** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

**Saturday 18** — *Nachusa Work Day*. 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Clear invading brush on our adopted Kittentail Knob unit at The Nature Conservancy's preserve. **Bring a field lunch. For this event, meet at the WCP parking lot for car pooling to Nachusa.**

### MARCH

**Saturday 3** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

**Sunday 18** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

**Saturday 31** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

### APRIL

**Saturday 14** — *Field Trip*. 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. View a good mix of winter resident birds and early arrivals.

**Saturday 28** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Weeding or trail clean-up.

### MAY

**Saturday 5** — *Field Trip*. 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. View summer resident birds, migrating warblers and

sparrows. We'll record our observations for the annual DuPage County Spring Count.

**Saturday 19** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Removal of Dame's Rocket.

### JUNE

**Sunday 10** — *Field Trip*. 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Summer resident birds and displays of early blooming flowers.

### JULY

**Saturday 21** — *Restoration Work Day*. 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Removal of invading sumac. Also a good time to visit, with many species in bloom.

### AUGUST

**Saturday 11** — *Field Trip*. 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Good displays of many blooming prairie species.

**Saturday 25** — *Annual Meeting*. 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. Join us for a potluck picnic, followed by our annual meeting and a field trip.

### SEPTEMBER

**Saturday 8** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. General seed collection, mostly forbs. Also a good visit.

**Sunday 23** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Collection of grasses and forbs.

### OCTOBER

**Saturday 6** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

**Saturday 20** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

### NOVEMBER

**Saturday 3** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

### DECEMBER

**Saturday 1** — *Restoration Work Day*. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Clearing invading brush and/or raking in seed.

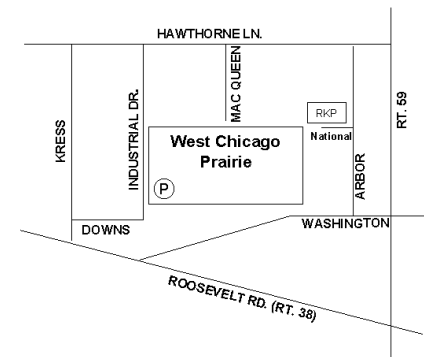
**Saturday 15** — *Field Trip*. 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. View winter resident birds. We'll record our observations for the annual DuPage County Christmas Count. **For this event, meet at the MacQueen Dr. entrance.**

## DIRECTIONS

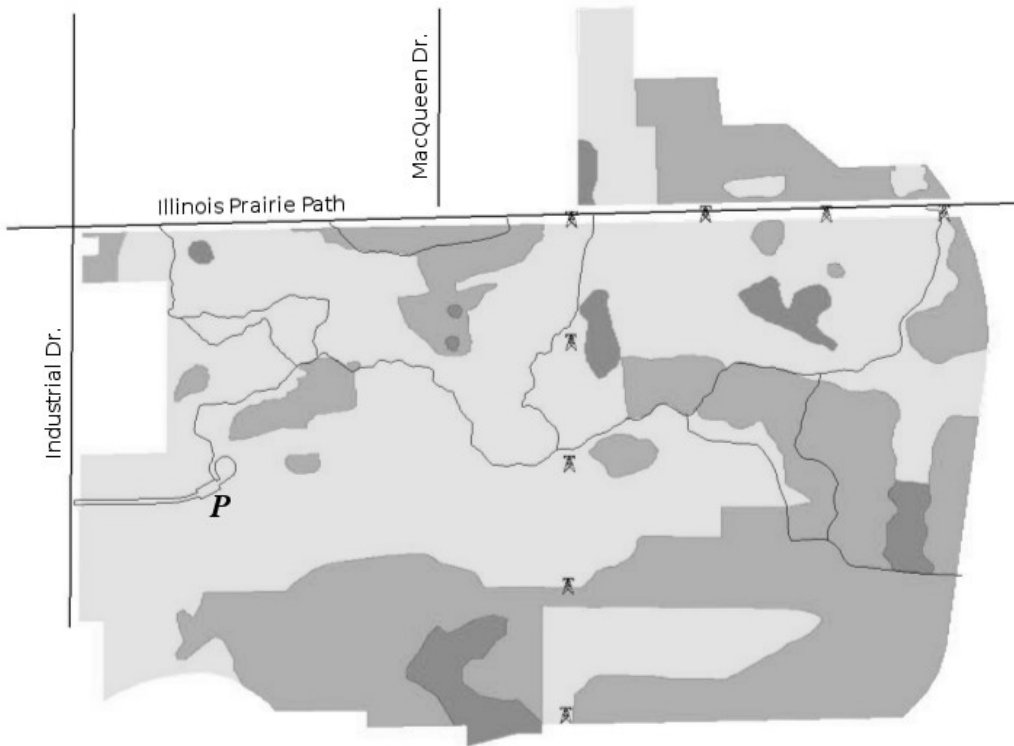
**WEST CHICAGO PRAIRIE** - Unless specified otherwise, all events begin from the WCP parking lot located on the east side of Industrial Dr. between Western and Downs.

**NACHUSA GRASSLANDS** - For these events, meet at WCP parking lot at 7 am to form car pools, or meet at 9:00 at the New Stewards' Barn north of the visitor entrance on Lowden Rd. Be on time. Once we have gone to the work area we will be difficult to find.

- 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 groups of 5 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 Scott Hensey at 630-231-8261, day or evening.



Restoring the  
West Chicago Prairie  
since 1983



## West Chicago Prairie Forest Preserve Trail Map

- |           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| ■ Prairie | — Trail          |
| ■ Wooded  | <b>P</b> Parking |
| ■ Water   | ⚡ Power tower    |

### 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.

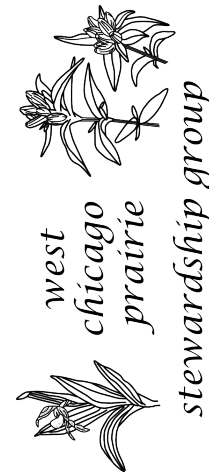
Our field trips are conducted by experienced leaders who identify flora and fauna, discuss prairie ecology, and explain the need for such management practices as burning, brush removal and seeding. Field

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

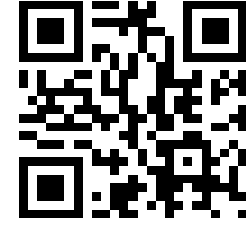
Proper field clothing (no shorts or sandals) will make these trips more enjoyable.

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).



[www.wcpsg.org](http://www.wcpsg.org)



# 2012

## Scheduled Events and Trail Map