



Calumet Stewardship Workday Fall/Winter Calendar 2010

Please make sure to RSVP for workdays as cancellations may occur.

September

September 11, Dan Ryan Woods

9 am to noon, Workday Leader: Benjamin Cox at 773-398-1178 or benjamin@fotfp.org

September 11, Eggers Woods

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: John Pastirik at 773-991-0613

September 18, Powderhorn Prairie

9 am to noon, Workday Leaders: Alice Brandon and Doug Chien, 312-356-9990 or alice@fotfp.org

September 18, Zander Woods (Thornton Lansing Nature Preserve) Tour

1 pm to 3 pm. A guided walking tour of the site, cool plants, fall food, secret discoveries of an old sand mine! Meet at the Wampum Lake Forest Preserve parking lot on Thornton-Lansing Road.

September 25, Kickapoo Prairie

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: Eileen Klees, 773-238-4221 or eklees@gmail.com

October

October 2, Beaubien Woods

9 am to noon, Workday Leader: Laura Milkert at 312-665-7444 or lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org

October 9, Dan Ryan Woods

9 am to noon, Workday Leader: Benjamin Cox at 773-398-1178 or benjamin@fotfp.org

October 9, Eggers Woods

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: John Pastirik at 773-991-0613

October 16, Powderhorn Prairie

9 am to noon, Workday Leaders: Alice Brandon and Doug Chien, 312-356-9990 or alice@fotfp.org

October 23, Kickapoo Prairie

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: Eileen Klees, 773-238-4221 or eklees@gmail.com

October 23, Whistler Woods

10 am - 1 pm, Workday Leader: Rebecca Blazer, 773-972-8080 or rebecca_blazer@hotmail.com

November

November 6, Beaubien Woods

9 am to noon, Workday Leader: Laura Milkert at 312-665-7444 or lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org

November 13 Dan Ryan Woods

9 am to noon, Workday Leader: Benjamin Cox at 773-398-1178 or benjamin@fotfp.org

November 13, Eggers Woods

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: John Pastirik at 773-991-0613

November 20, Powderhorn Prairie

9 am to noon, Workday Leaders: Alice Brandon and Doug Chien, 312-356-9990 or alice@fotfp.org

November 27, Kickapoo Prairie

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: Eileen Klees, 773-238-4221 or eklees@gmail.com

December

December 4, Beaubien Woods

9 am to noon, Workday Leader: Laura Milkert at 312-665-7444 or lmilkert@fieldmuseum.org

December 11, Dan Ryan Woods

9 am to noon, Workday Leader: Benjamin Cox at 773-398-1178 or benjamin@fotfp.org

December 11th, Eggers Woods

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: John Pastirik at 773-991-0613

December 18, Powderhorn Prairie

9 am to noon, Workday Leaders: Alice Brandon and Doug Chien, 312-356-9990 or alice@fotfp.org

WHAT WE DO

Currently, there are too many invasive plants in the forest preserves. These species are removed by volunteers using hand tools and then stacked and burned to help improve habitat for native plants and animals. Trained leaders show you how to identify plants that don't belong and demonstrate how to safely use hand tools to remove them. All the necessary tools and work gloves are provided. Depending on the season, workdays may also include native seed collection for dispersal in areas cleared of invasive species or nature walks to enjoy the preserve.

WHAT TO BRING

All participants should be dressed for a day of outdoor work. Please wear covered shoes (hiking boots or tennis shoes) and long pants. Clothing should be made of natural fibers such as cotton or wool (no synthetic clothing) as workdays often have brushpile burns and stray embers can "burn" clothing. Please wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty. Please bring your own drinking water. Depending on the season, sun screen or insect repellent maybe good items to bring to a workday.

DIRECTIONS TO EACH SITE

Beaubien Woods: meet at the picnic pavilion (Take I-94 to the Beaubien Woods Exit #69 just south of 130th St.).

Dan Ryan Woods: meet at the parking lot on the north side of 87th St. two blocks east of S. Western Ave.

Powderhorn Prairie: meet in the Powderhorn Lake parking lot on the east side of Brainard Ave. just south of Burnham Ave. in south east Chicago.

Kickapoo Prairie: park in the Thornton Township Municipal Building (Halsted and 144th St.) and meet at the entrance to the prairie site that is directly west and across the street from the parking lot in Riverdale.

Eggers Woods: meet at the caretaker's house for the preserve at east 112th Street and Ave. E. in Chicago.

Whistler Woods: Located east of Halsted close to the intersection of Halsted and Forestview Ave. in Riverdale, drive all the way to the end of the lot at Whistler and park in the circle near the Major Taylor Trail trailhead.