



Calumet Stewardship Workday Winter/Spring Calendar 2011

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

January

January 8, Dan Ryan Woods

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

January 8, Eggers Woods

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

January 15, Powderhorn Prairie

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

January 22, Kickapoo Prairie

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: Eileen Klees, 773-968-3396 or eklees@gmail.com

February

February 5, Beaubien Woods

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

February 12, Dan Ryan Woods

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

February 12, Eggers Woods

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

February 19, Powderhorn Prairie

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

February 19, Whistler Woods

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

February 26, Kickapoo Prairie

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: Eileen Klees, 773-968-3396 or eklees@gmail.com

March

March 5, NO WORKDAY-please join us at the WILD THINGS CONFERENCE

A Chicago Wilderness Conference for people and nature.

To learn more and to register, go to: <http://www.habitatproject.org/WildThings2011/index.html>

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March 19, Powderhorn Prairie

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

March 26, Kickapoo Prairie

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: Eileen Klees, 773-968-3396 or eklees@gmail.com

April

April 2, Beaubien Woods

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

April 9, Dan Ryan Woods

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

April 9, Eggers Woods

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

April 16, Powderhorn Prairie

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

April 16, Whistler Woods-Earth Day Celebration with Blue Island Bicycle Club and School District 130

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

April 23, Kickapoo Prairie- EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AND PICNIC LUNCH

10 am to 1 pm, Workday Leader: Eileen Klees, 773-968-3396 or eklees@gmail.com

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 Thorton 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.