



Work Parties Winter 2023

Dane, Sauk, & eastern Iowa
Counties

“Preserving and maintaining our prairie and savanna heritage”

Help is needed this winter with: - **tree/brush removal & brush pile burning**

Be sure to wear appropriate clothing for the weather (dress in layers), and for burning brush piles (old clothes you do not mind getting holes in from fire brands). Do not wear synthetic fabrics, they ignite too easily. Wear sturdy footwear and work gloves. Bring drinking water. Chainsaw operators with their own equipment are welcome but must have safety chaps and headgear. Bring pruners or loppers, if you have them, otherwise they will be provided.

Winter work parties are dependent on weather & snow conditions; snow need/tolerance varies depending upon activity planned. Therefore, **check with contact person the night before to confirm status of the event.**

Jan. 12 (Thur) – Swenson Bluff
Jan. 15 (Sun) – Erbe Grassland
Jan. 18 (Wed) – Mounds View
Jan. 20 (Fri) – Swenson Bluff
Jan. 22 (Sun) – Mounds View
Jan. 26 (Thur) – Mounds View
Feb. 2 (Thur) – Mounds View
Feb. 3 (Fri) – Swenson Bluff

Feb. 4 (Sat) – Erbe Grassland
Feb. 5 (Sun) – Mounds View
Feb. 9 (Thur) – Swenson Bluff
Feb. 15 (Wed) – Mounds View
Feb. 17 (Fri) – Swenson Bluff Pr
Feb. 18 (Sat) – Erbe Grassland
Feb. 19 (Sun) – Kalscheur
Feb. 23 (Thur) – Swenson Bluff

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Erbe Grassland (SW of Mt. Horeb)

Contact: Erik Goplin (608-437-4879; egoplin@mhtc.net)

Jan. 15 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Tree & brush removal. Burn brush piles.

Feb. 4 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Tree & brush removal. Burn brush piles.

Feb. 18 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Tree & brush removal. Burn brush piles.

Kalscheur Savanna (South of Hollandale)

Contact: Pat Handrick (patrick.handrick@gmail.com; (608) 354-3467
(texting preferred)

Feb. 19 (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Thinning black oaks.

Mounds View Grassland (Schurch-Thomson Pr, Shea Pr, Hanley Add.) (S of Blue Mounds)

Contact: Rich Henderson (608-845-7065; tpe.rhenderson@tds.net)

Jan. 18 (Wed.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

Jan. 22 (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

Jan. 26 (Thur.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

Feb. 2 (Thur.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

Feb. 5 (Sun.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

Feb. 15 (Wed.) - 1:00 to 4:00. Cut trees &/or burn brush piles.

Swenson Bluff Prairie (SW of Arena)

Contact: Scott Sauer (608-772-3539; scottbsauer@yahoo.com)

Jan. 12 (Thur.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

Jan. 20 (Fri.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

Feb. 3 (Fri.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

Feb. 9 (Thur.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

Feb. 17 (Fri.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

Feb. 23 (Thur.) - 10:00 to 2:00. Tree, brush removal.

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Directions:

Erbe Grassland From Mt. Horeb, take US Hwy 18/151 west for 2 miles. Turn south (left) on Erbe Road. Meet at the preserve's parking lot and kiosk, which is 0.7 miles south on Erbe Road on the right.

Kalscheur Savanna From Hollandale (SE Iowa Co.), drive 2 miles south on CTH K. Watch for cars parked along the road near 596 County Road K - this is the neighbors' house across the street from the TPE access easement. Park as far as possible off the road. Look for the Prairie Enthusiasts sign at the start of the access easement next to the highway. Head downhill from there, following the cleared

corridor and the Prairie Enthusiasts signs. At the bottom of the hill, cross the footbridge, then you should be able to see and hear the workers on the site.

Mounds View Grasslands 8624 Reilly Rd, Barneveld. From the intersection of US Hwy 18-151 and County F (south of Blue Mounds in western Dane County), take F approximately 5 miles south. Turn right onto Reilly Road, and proceed to barn at the end of the road. (Note: 1/2 mile down F from 18-151, pay close attention to the road signs, for F turns to the right & the straight ahead becomes County Z. Stay on F.)

Swenson Bluff Prairie From Hwy 14, 1.5 mi west of Arena, take Co H south. Go 1.9 mi. The preserve is on the left (east side of road).

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