

The Prairie Enthusiasts



”Preserving and protecting our prairie heritage”

Work Parties Fall 2023

Dane, Sauk, & eastern Iowa
Counties

Help is needed this fall-winter with:

- **seed collecting/cleaning**
- **tree & brush removal**
- **brush pile burning**

Be sure to wear appropriate clothing for the weather (dress in layers). Do not wear synthetic fabrics near burn piles. Sturdy footwear and work gloves are required. Eye protection recommended while working on brush and trees. Bring drinking water. Chainsaw operators with their own equipment are welcome, but must have safety chaps and protective headgear.

Oct. 6 (Fri.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 7 (Sat.) – Schurch-Thomson
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Oct. 8 (Sun.) – Schluckebier
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Oct. 11 (Wed.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 14 (Sat.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 15 (Sun.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 16 (Mon.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 17 (Tue.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 18 (Wed.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 19 (Thur.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 21 (Sat.) – Moely Pr.
Oct. 21 (Sat.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 22 (Sun.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 23 (Mon.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 24 (Tue.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 25 (Wed.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 26 (Thur.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 28 (Sat.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 29 (Sun.) – Schurch-Thomson
Oct. 31 (Tue.) – Schurch-Thomson

Nov. 1 (Wed.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 3 (Fri.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 4 (Sat.) – Gasser Barrens
Nov. 5 (Sun.) – Gasser Barrens
Nov. 5 (Sun.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 7 (Tue.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 8 (Wed.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 9 (Thur.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 10 (Fri.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 11 (Sat.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 12 (Sun.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 15 (Wed.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 16 (Thur.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 18 (Sat.) – Moely Pr
Nov. 19 (Sun.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 21 (Tue.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 28 (Tue.) – Schurch-Thomson
Nov. 30 (Thur.) – Schurch-Thomson
Dec. 2 (Sat.) – Erbe
Dec. 3 (Sun.) – Hanley Farm
Dec. 9 (Sat.) – Hanley Farm
Dec. 10 (Sun.) – Erbe

Dec. 11 (Mon.) – Schurch-Thomson
Dec. 13 (Wed.) – Schurch-Thomson
Dec. 16 (Sat.) – Moely Pr
Dec. 16 (Sat.) – Kalscheur Sav.
Dec. 17 (Sun.) – Hanley Farm
Dec. 19 (Tue.) – Hanley Farm

Dec. 20 (Wed.) – Hanley Farm
Dec. 22 (Fri.) – Hanley Farm
Dec. 23 (Sat.) – Erbe
Dec. 27 (Wed.) – Hanley Farm
Dec. 30 (Sat.) – Erbe

***Call ahead (the evening before) to confirm
All activities are weather dependent
Snow cover needed for brush pile burning***

Erbe Grassland (SW of Mt. Horeb)

Contact: Erik Goplin (608-437-4879)

Dec. 2 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal.
Dec. 10 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal and burn piles.
Dec. 23 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal and burn piles.
Dec. 30 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal and burn piles.

Gasser Barrens (west of Prairie du Sac)

Contact: Brandon Mann (413-427-4099)

Nov. 4 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 3:00. Small tree removal.
Nov. 5 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 3:00. Small tree removal.

Hanley Farm (Mounds View Grassland) (south of Blue Mounds)

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

Dec. 3 (Sun.) – Noon to 3:00. Spruce tree removal (free X-mas trees)
Dec. 9 (Sat.) – Noon to 3:00. Spruce tree removal (free X-mas trees)
Dec. 17 (Sun.) – Noon to 3:00. Spruce tree removal (free X-mas trees)
Dec. 19 (Tue.) – Noon to 3:00. Brush removal.
Dec. 20 (Wed.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree removal.
Dec. 22 (Fri.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree removal.
Dec. 27 (Wed.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree removal.

Kalscheur Savanna (S of Hollandale)

Contact: Pat Handrick (text 608-354-3467)

Dec. 16 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Cut small trees & burn brush piles.

Moely Prairie (Prairie du Sac)

Contact: Paul Anderson (608-715-9552)

Oct. 21 (Sat.) – 9:00 to Noon. Tree & brush removal.

Nov. 18 (Sat.) – 9:00 to Noon. Tree & brush removal.

Dec. 16 (Sat.) – 9:00 to Noon. Tree & brush removal.

Schluckebier Sand Prairie (west of Prairie du Sac)

Contact: Brandon Mann (413-427-4099)

Oct. 7 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 3:00. Treat small aspen.

Oct. 8 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 3:00. Treat small aspen.

Schurch-Thomson Prairie (south of Blue Mounds)

Contacts: Rich Henderson (608-845-7065; tpe.rhendreson@tds.net).

Oct. 6 (Fri.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Cut & treat sumac.

Oct. 7 (Sat.) – 9:00 to Noon. Cut & treat sumac.

Oct. 7 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting.

Oct. 8 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Cut & treat sumac.

Oct. 11 (Wed.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting.

Oct. 14 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting.

Oct. 14 (Sat.) – 9:00 to Noon. Cut & treat aspen.

Oct. 15 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Cut & treat aspen.

Oct. 16 (Mon.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Cut & treat aspen.

Oct. 17 (Tue.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed cleaning.

Oct. 18 (Wed.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting.

Oct. 19 (Thur.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Cut & treat aspen.

Oct. 21 (Sat.) – 9:00 to Noon. Seed cleaning.

Oct. 22 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting.

Oct. 23 (Mon.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal.

Oct. 24 (Tue.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed cleaning.

Oct. 25 (Wed.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting.

Oct. 26 (Thur.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal.

Oct. 28 (Sat.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal.

Oct. 29 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting.

Oct. 31 (Tue.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Brush removal.

Nov. 1 (Wed.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting/cleaning.

Nov. 3 (Fri.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree/brush removal.

Nov. 5 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting/cleaning.

Nov. 7 (Tue.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree/brush removal.

Nov. 8 (Wed.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed collecting/cleaning.

Nov. 9 (Thur.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree/brush removal.

Nov. 10 (Fri.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed cleaning.

Nov. 11 (Sat.) – 9:00 to Noon. Seed cleaning.

Nov. 12 (Sun.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree/brush removal.

Nov. 15 (Wed.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed cleaning.
Nov. 16 (Thur.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree/brush removal.
Nov. 19 (Sun.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed cleaning.
Nov. 21 (Tue.) – 1:00 to 4:00. Seed cleaning or mixing.
Nov. 28 (Tue.) – Noon to 4:00. Seed mixing.
Nov. 30 (Thur.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree/brush removal.
Dec. 11 (Mon.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree/brush removal.
Dec. 13 (Wed.) – Noon to 3:00. Tree/brush removal or burn brush piles

Check with contact person the evening before to confirm

Directions:

Erbe Grassland From Mt. Horeb, take US Hwy 18/151 west for 2 miles. Turn south (left) on Erbe Road. The Preserve is 3/4 mile south on the right. Meet at the kiosk parking lot.

Gasser Barrens Gasser Sand Barrens: Take US Highway 12 west of Sauk City until you get to the junction with Hwy 60 (about 1.7 miles after the WI river bridge) on the south side of the road where Hwy 12 makes a large turn to the right (north). Turn left onto Hwy 60 and travel 1.6 miles to the intersection with County Hwy O. Turn right onto Co. O and travel another 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Exchange Road and travel another half mile. Park on the shoulder of the road. Gasser will be on the west side of the road.

Hanley Farm (Mounds View Grassland) From the intersection of US Hwy 18/151 and County F (south of Blue Mounds in western Dane County), take F south for 4.5 miles. 200 yards past address 2906, park along the west side of Co F. (Note: A half mile down F from 18/151, pay close attention to the road signs, for F turns to the right & the straight-ahead road becomes County Z. Stay on F.)

Kalscheur Savanna From Hollandale, 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.

Moely Prairie From Hwy 12, turn east onto Hwy PF. After passing the prairie on your right, take a right onto 21st St, a right onto Fullerton Dr, a left on Billings Ave, and then a right onto Alban La. Park at the dead end and enter the prairie from there.

Schluckebier Sand Prairie Take US Highway 12 west of Sauk City until you get to the light at County PF. Turn left (west) onto Co. PF and travel 1.5 miles, at which point there is a dirt lane immediately beyond a row of trees on the left. Turn left (south) into the lane and look for the small mowed parking area about 100 down the lane.

Schurch-Thomson Prairie 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 parking lot and kiosks at the end of the road (past the barn). (Note: A half mile down F from 18/151, pay close attention to the road signs, for F turns to the right & the straight ahead road becomes County Z. Stay on F.)

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