

# BRUSH PILES

**NORTH BRANCH RESTORATION PROJECT**

**SUMMER 2006**

## **RESTORATION SEED GARDEN**

**Tuesdays, 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Volunteer Resource Center**

**6100 N. Central, Chicago**

**Jun 13, 27, Jul 11, 25, Aug 8, 22, and Sep 5, 19**

Building on last year's success, we continue to expand the seed garden at the Volunteer Resource Center. On two Tuesday evenings per month we will be watering, weeding, planting plants and hanging out. We'll work from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. So come early or late or anytime in between. Most tools will be provided but bring small trowels if you have them, and your own gloves. All levels of gardening expertise are welcome to help install and nurture the native plantings.

Some of the plants, germinated by the Chicago Botanic Garden from local native seed, will go into the seed production gardens. These will provide all-important seeds for restoring North Branch preserves.

Others will be native plants that are being "retired" from Wild Gardeners' yards. These are plants that have given us seed for a number of years but should now be replaced with new plants, to provide genetic diversity. Though we will no longer collect seed from these "retiring" plants, they will help beautify the grounds around the VRC and serve to educate people about the native plant community.

For more information, give Ken Schaefer a call (847-803-1665). If

you're a North Branch Wild Gardener and have plants that are six or more years old, he will arrange to get them from you and hold them until ready to go into the VRC grounds.



Woodland Sunflower (*Helianthus divaricatus*)  
Photo by Nearctica.com, Inc.

## **ATTENTION PARENTS!**

Do you attend fewer work days than you'd like, because you are home with young children? Why not bring 'em along? If you'd like to join other families on kid-friendly work days like seed collecting, seed spreading, and weed pulling, give us a call. This is a win-win-win: good for parents, good for kids, and good for nature! Contact Karen Glennemeier at 847-724-5226 or [kglennemeier@audubon.org](mailto:kglennemeier@audubon.org).



## **CALLING ALL STEWARDS, WRITERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, ETC.**

See all your creative ways of expressing yourselves about your nature experiences in print! It's easy – just send them to Linda Masters, I'll take them in any form – email, snail mail, fax, handed to me during a work day – whatever!

Stewards - want others to know how special your site is – send it!

Storytellers – see it in print; impress your family and friends!

Picture takers – now's your chance!

*Fax:* 847-559-0792,

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*Snail Mail:* P.O. Box 2154, Northbrook, IL 60062

# NBRP Workday Schedule - Summer 2006

## JUNE

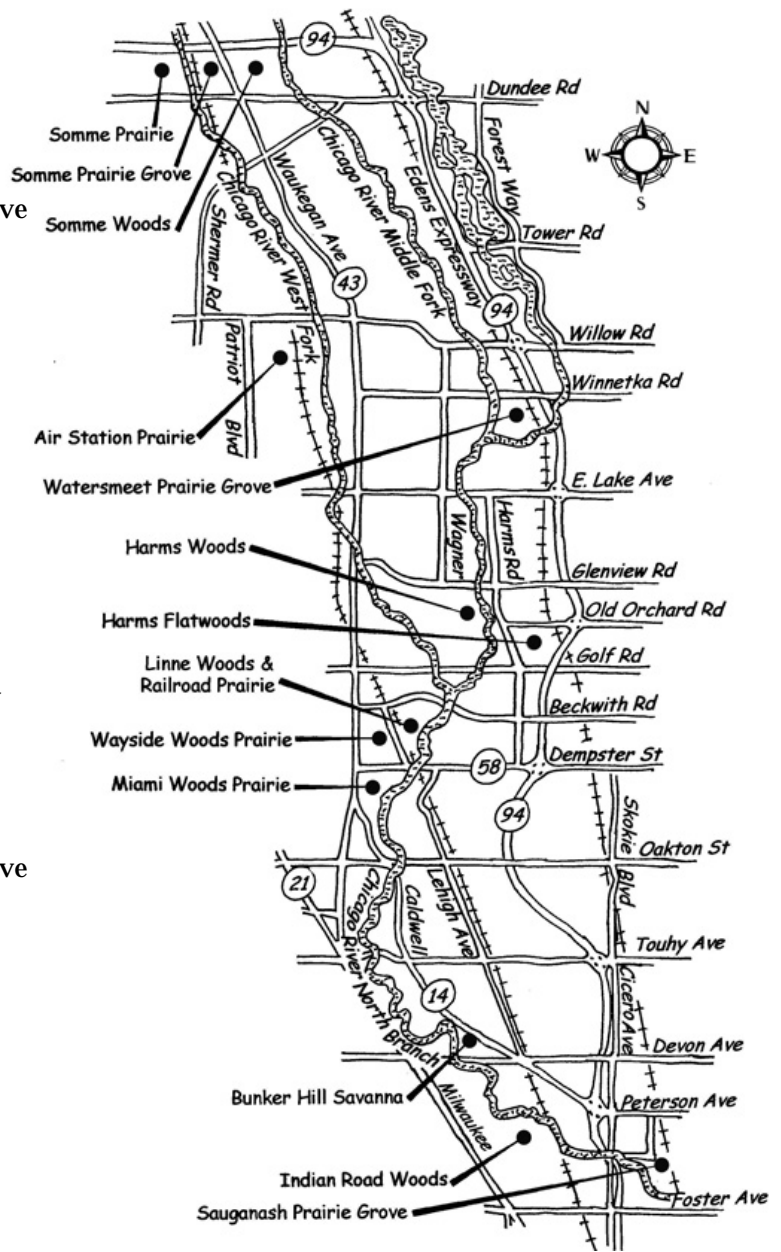
3	Saturday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove
4	Sunday	9:00-noon	Miami Woods Prairie
10	Saturday	9:00-noon	Linne Woods North
		9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Nature Preserve
11	Sunday	9:00-noon	Wayside Woods Prairie
18	Sunday	9:00-noon	Somme Woods
24	Saturday	9:00-noon	Linne Prairie
		9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove
25	Sunday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove

## JULY

2	Sunday	9:00-noon	Miami Woods Prairie
8	Saturday	9:00-noon	Linne Woods North
		9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
9	Sunday	9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
15	Saturday	9:00-noon	Bunker Hill Savanna/Oxbow
16	Sunday	9:00-noon	Air Station Prairie
22	Saturday	9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
23	Sunday	9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
30	Sunday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Nature Preserve

## AUGUST

5	Saturday	9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
6	Sunday	9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
13	Sunday	9:00-noon	Harms Woods
19	Saturday	9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
20	Sunday	9:00-noon	Harms Woods
27	Sunday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove



## ***BUFFALO GROVE PRAIRIE***

**Sundays, 9:00 am - Noon**  
**June 4, July 2, August 13**  
**Bev Hansen, 847-272-6211**

Work on Sundays at this piece of virgin prairie located on Hastings Road. It is off Lake-Cook about a mile west of Milwaukee (watch for Hastings on the north after going under the railroad overpass). Turn north on Hastings, then right into the second parking lot. The prairie is under the Com Ed power lines.

## ***SKOKIE LAGOONS***

**Saturdays, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**June 10, July 8, August 12**  
**Jerry Garden, 773-545-4632,**  
**[jerrygarden@sprynet.com](mailto:jerrygarden@sprynet.com)**

Meet at the Tower Road parking lot (east of the lagoon bridge - not the boat launch). There will be a sign with directions to the work site in the picnic field adjacent to the parking lot. Come dressed for the weather. We will provide waders, gloves and tools.

## ***GLENBROOK PRAIRIE***

**6:00 pm to dark**  
**June 8, July 13, August 10**  
**Rob Sulski, 847/337-0471**

The prairie is located at the northwest corner of the Glenbrook North High School property, north of Willow Road on the west side of Shermer Road. Follow the north parking lot past the tennis courts and walk along the north side of the football field until you see us.

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# NBRP Site Directions and Stewards

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## ***DIRECTIONS:***

### ***Air Station Prairie, Glenview***

**Kent & Jerry Fuller** – From the Edens Expressway; go west on Willow Road, past Waukegan Road and over the RR overpass. Turn south at the new traffic signals for Patriot Blvd. (The new main road through the redeveloped Naval Air Station). Turn east on Compass to the gate at the south end of the prairie. Patriot Blvd. is also accessible from the south via Lake Ave.

### ***Bunker Hill Savanna/Oxbow, Chicago***

**Jane & John Balaban** – Off Caldwell between Devon and Touhy; entrance located just opposite Tonty Street. For Bunker Hill Meet in first section of parking lot; for Oxbow, follow road until it turns north, then park along the west side.

### ***Harms Flatwoods, Glenview***

**Neil Peck & Terry Schilling** – Meet at the Forest Preserve Grove parking lot on the west side of Harms Road, directly west of Old Orchard Road.

### ***Harms Woods, Glenview***

**Jane & John Balaban** – Meet at the Forest Preserve Grove parking lot on the west side of Harms Road, just south of Glenview Road and north of Old Orchard Road.

### ***Linne Prairie, Morton Grove***

**Mary Busch & John Thill (847-966-0231)** – Meet at the Wayside Woods Prairie parking lot on Lehigh Ave, a few blocks east of Waukegan Road and just north of Dempster.

### ***Linne Woods North, Morton Grove***

**John & Marian Thill (847-966-0231, [mjthill@icsp.net](mailto:mjthill@icsp.net))** - From Edens go west on Dempster street about 1.5 miles. The forest preserve entrance will be on the north side of the street directly across from McDonalds. Follow the winding road all the way back until it dead-ends at the turn-around circle.

### ***Miami Woods Prairie, Niles/Morton Grove***

**Kent & Jerry Fuller** – Located on the east side of Caldwell, two blocks north of Oakton. Meet in the parking lot for Miami Woods.

### ***Prairie View Nature Preserve, Morton Grove***

**Kent Fuller** – From Dempster, 2 blocks east of Waukegan, turn north on Oak Park Ave. Turn left on Churchill and drive to the end. Park in the parking lot on the north side.

### ***Sauganash Prairie Grove, Chicago***

**Larry Hodak & Pete Leki ([watersschool@yahoo.com](mailto:watersschool@yahoo.com))** – Meet at the edge of the Forest Preserve along the south side of Bryn Mawr at Kilbourn, which is south of Peterson and east of Cicero.

### ***Somme Prairie Grove, Northbrook***

**Stephen Packard (847-509-0431, [spackard@audubon.org](mailto:spackard@audubon.org))** – From the Edens Expressway; take Dundee Road two miles west to Waukegan Road. Go north a few hundred feet on Waukegan and turn left into the unpaved parking area by the sign “Somme Woods Prairie.”

### ***Somme Prairie Nature Preserve, Northbrook***

**Laurel Ross (312-665-7432, [lross@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:lross@fieldmuseum.org)) & Christiane Rey (773-478-2019)** – From the Edens Expressway, take Dundee Road 2½ miles west (past Waukegan) to Western. Turn north and park in the post office parking lot.

### ***Somme Woods, Northbrook***

**Linda Masters (847-509-0431, [masters2001@comcast.net](mailto:masters2001@comcast.net))** – From the Edens Expressway, take Dundee Road two miles west and turn right into Somme Woods parking lot (just before the light at Waukegan Road).

### ***Watersmeet Prairie Grove, Northfield***

**John Berg ([Kerg111@aol.com](mailto:Kerg111@aol.com))** – From Lake Avenue and Wagner Road, turn north on Wagner to Winnetka Road. Turn east on Winnetka for ¾ mile. Park on the north side of the street or a side street.

### ***Wayside Woods Prairie/Linne RR Prairie, Morton Grove***

**Gladys Bryer & Larry Hodak** – Meet at Wayside Woods Prairie parking lot on Lehigh Ave, a few blocks east of Waukegan Road and just north of Dempster.

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**HABITAT CLINICS**  
**JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2006**

The Habitat Project and the Volunteer Stewardship Network invite all restoration volunteers, monitors, interpreters, and advocates to join us this spring and summer for Habitat Clinics at five sites in different parts of Chicago Wilderness. Each site was selected for its unique characteristics, issues, and programs.

Each three-hour-long clinic will feature on-the-spot field presentations with site stewards, regional experts, monitors, and experienced volunteers. Topics covered will include restoration over the long term, endangered plants, hydrology, erosion, invasives control, deer browse, a new way to eliminate garlic mustard, bird and invertebrate monitoring, and much more. For details and directions see [www.habitatproject.org](http://www.habitatproject.org).

Please register by e-mailing Shelley Ancheta at [chicagowildthings@yahoo.com](mailto:chicagowildthings@yahoo.com) or calling 847 965-9239. Habitat clinics are for Chicago Wilderness conservation volunteers (current and potential).

**HARMS WOODS, COOK COUNTY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 9 A.M. TO NOON**

**Topics:** Management over the long term; site richness; hydrology.

**Speakers:** John and Jane Balaban, Site Stewards.

**FREEMAN KAME, KANE COUNTY**

**SATURDAY, JULY 8, 9 A.M. TO NOON**

**Topics:** Butterfly and dragonfly monitoring; protecting the rare plants of this very diverse habitat; controlling invasives.

**Speakers:** Chris Hauser, Kane County ecologist; Mike Ander, site steward.

**WATERFALL GLEN, DU PAGE COUNTY**

**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2 P.M. – 5 P.M.**

**NOTE:** The Habitat Clinic will take place at the Bluff Savanna area of Waterfall Glen.

**Topics:** Excessive deer browse; recreational pressures; oak regeneration.

**Speakers:** Greg Rajsky, co-steward of Waterfall Glen; Bob Fisher, bird monitor; and possibly a Du Page county plant ecologist.

**GLACIAL PARK, MC HENRY COUNTY**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 9 A.M. TO NOON**

**Topics:** Volunteer /staff integration; re-meandering Nippersink Creek; garlic mustard control.

**Speakers:** Ed Collins, McHenry County Conservation District will moderate. Volunteer site stewards from Glacial Park will make presentations.

**ORLAND GRASSLAND, COOK COUNTY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 9 A.M. TO NOON**

**Topics:** Site history; large site restoration; bird monitoring; hydrology.

**Speakers:** Pat Hayes, Site Steward; Wes Serafin, site bird monitor; personnel from US Army Corps of Engineers.

**North Branch Restoration Project**

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The North Branch Restoration Project is a cooperative effort involving the Nature Conservancy, the Chicago Audubon Society, and the Sierra Club. We manage the sites as volunteers for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and other local agencies. The Project works to restore and manage the few remaining woodlands and prairies along the North Branch of the Chicago River. Our goal is to restore conditions that will allow these natural wild communities to flourish as a permanent part of the metropolitan area.

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

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