



P.O. Box 21, Eagle WI 53119

Friends of the Mukwonago River 2015 Community Paddles & Hikes/Events/Demonstrations

Based on the tremendous response in 2013 and 2014, Friends has put together a schedule of paddle and hikes that explore the many wonderful corners of the Mukwonago River Watershed. Events are being finalized at this time. Specific event times, directions, guides will be available on the Friends' website (mukwonagoriver.org) closer to the actual dates.

This is a very full calendar of fun and educational events. We hope you can come to at least a few of them.

Logistics for paddles and hikes: Attendees must provide their own boats, PFDs, paddles, snacks, water, sunscreen, insect repellent, etc. Friends will help to coordinate shuttles from the end of the paddle back to the starting point to pick up personal vehicles. Each attendee must sign a Friends' liability release prior to the start of the paddle or hike.

March

Saturday 21

Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition at Town of Eagle Municipal Building

9:30am-Noon

820 E Main St. Eagle 53119

Sunday 29

Hike the Meyer Nature Preserve 11:00am-Noon

(Jerry Ziegler, Nature Conservancy)

Directions: The preserve is located at S104-W38319 Highway 67, about 2.5 miles southwest of Eagle. The entry drive is one mile southwest of the intersection of Highway 67 and Highway L0.

A picturesque combination of woodlands, restored prairies and wetlands, this 652-acre preserve is a primary headwaters for the Mukwonago River. There are 3 miles of hiking trails on the preserve and we will explore the varied ecosystems that these trails pass through as we learn about the work that has been done by The Nature Conservancy to protect this crucial uplands habitat that helps to preserve the health of the Mukwonago River.

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April

Thursday 16

Invasive Species Education Series Workshop 6:00pm-8:00pm
Got Buckthorn? Tips for Landowners (Carl Korfmacher, Midwest Prairies)
WI DNR State Forest Headquarters, S91w39091 Hwy 59, Eagle 53119

Saturday 18

Earth Day Celebration at Nature's Classroom Institute Property
Invasive Species Education Series Demonstration & Hike to Jericho Creek in partnership with Nature's Classroom Institute 10:00am-2:00pm
(Geoffrey Bishop, Nature's Classroom & Bob Wick, EC3 Ecological Services)
W335 S8301 County Road E Mukwonago
Event information & tickets: www.classy.org/nciearthday
Volunteer opportunities: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da8a629abff2-earth>

Saturday 25

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up at County Road LO

Sunday 26

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up (Rain Date) at County Road LO

May

Saturday 2

Water Action Volunteers (WAV) Citizen Monitoring Training at UW-Waukesha Field Station in partnership with Waukesha County Land and Water Conservation Dept. 8:30am-2:30pm (Jayne Jenks, Waukesha County)
W349S1480 S. Waterville Road, Oconomowoc 53066
Directions: Highway 18 to Waterville Road. (between Dousman and Wales) Turn south onto Waterville Road and go about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. Turn left into driveway just before the bike trail. Gertrude Sherman building is located by the parking lot—just behind Wildlife in Need center.

To register, contact Jayne Jenks at 262-896-8305 or jjenks@waukeshacounty.gov

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May (cont.)

Sunday 10

Kettle Moraine Land Trust Mother's Day Hike at Rainbow Springs Lake 8:00am
Join the walk at Rainbow Springs on County Rd. L0, 0.5 miles east of County Rd. E. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your own water and binoculars, if you have them. The walk will cover about 1.5 miles with some changes in elevation. Please leave pets at home; they would scare the birds!

Thursday 14

**Invasive Species Education Series Workshop
Landowner Invasive Species Removal Walking Tour**
(Brittany Frederick, Landowner)
Frederick Property, W5198 Bluff Rd. Eagle, WI 53119

Saturday 16

**Oak Savanna Alliance Workshop at Camp Timber-Lee
Invasive Species Education Series Demonstration *in partnership with Oak Savanna Alliance* 9:00am-4:00pm**
N8705 Scout Rd, East Troy 53120
Field Trip to LuLu Lake Time TBD
Savaiano Property w/ Kettle Moraine Stewards
N9385 Lulu Lake Rd. East Troy 53120

June

Sunday 7

**4th Annual Watershed Pancake Breakfast at Lake Beulah Yacht Club
*in partnership with Lake Beulah Protective and Improvement Association***
N9220 E Shore Rd, East Troy 53120

Sunday 21

Father's Day Paddle the Mukwonago River
Directions: From the main entrance to the Mukwonago River Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest (former Rainbow Springs). The parking lot is on County Highway L0 approximately a mile east of County Highway E.

Culverts were installed in the Mukwonago River and the route of the river was moved in several places when the Rainbow Springs golf course was built. Seven culverts were removed in 2013 and the river has returned to its original path. Those of you who paddled the river with Friends in 2013 saw this work in process.

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Join us to see this restored segment of the Mukwonago River and experience the portage-free paddle. Increases in populations of important river flora and fauna have already been observed now that the river has been allowed to flow naturally. The paddle will end at Beulah Road, although you can go on to County Highway I certain times of year before the wild rice takes over.

July

Saturday 18

Hike Baker Nature Preserve (Jerry Ziegler, Nature Conservancy) 11:00am-Noon
Directions: The parking lot is at N9468 Scout Road, just south of Bluff Road. The hike will focus on the history of the property and the restoration that has occurred since the TNC purchased it in 2006. The hike will go down to the Mukwonago River, which at the back of the property is a clear, cold gravel-bottomed stream fed by springs coming out of the wet meadow on the property.

Saturday 25

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up at County Road LO

Sunday 26

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up (Rain Date) at County Road LO

August

Tuesday 4

Invasive Species Education Series Workshop- Citizen Monitoring 6:00-8:00pm
Mukwonago Community Library, 511 Division St. Mukwonago 53149

Saturday 8

Invasive Species Education Series Demonstration- Citizen Monitoring
(Tony Summers, Great Lakes Early Detection Network)
Location TBD

Saturday 15

Paddle the Lake Beulah Tributary

Directions: From County Highway J (west of Double D's bar) Vehicle access limited. The unnamed tributary that flows over the Lake Beulah dam on the north end under County Highway J. Vehicle access is limited.

Flowing through lush wetlands and sandy bottomed, this little visited tributary offers a beautiful paddle route through an ecologically significant area of the

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watershed that supports abundant mussel populations. Paddlers have a choice of routes at the Mukwonago River fork– paddle upriver to Beulah Road or extend the trip by heading downriver to County Highway I.

September

Saturday 12

Paddle Eagle Springs Lake to Lulu Lake

Directions: WDNR Eagle Spring Boat Launch, Wambold Road off of County Highway E

The classic Mukwonago River paddle. Boat rentals available at Eagle Springs Pub. Lulu Lake is a 95-acre kettle lake with excellent water quality and surrounding fens, bogs, sedge meadows, prairie remnants and oak openings. Lulu Lake State Natural Area includes more than 1,800 acres of WDNR/Nature Conservancy land, offering visitors a rare opportunity to experience this diversity of ecosystems in close proximity.

Thursday 17

Invasive Species Education Series Workshop at Town of Eagle Municipal Building: Prairie Restoration for the Landowner

(Dan Carter, Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission)
820 E Main St. Eagle 53119

Saturday 19

Invasive Species Education Series Demonstration Prairie Restoration for the Landowner

(Jacki Lewis, Landowner & Dan Carter, Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission)

Lewis-Aducci Property, S90w34240 County Road NN, Eagle 53119

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October

Tuesday 13

Invasive Species Education Series Workshop 6:00-8:00pm
Mukwonago Town Hall, W320s8315 Beulah Road, Mukwonago 53149

Saturday 17

**Mukwonago River Watershed Educational Event &
Invasive Species Education Series Demonstration**
Location TBD

Sunday 18

Hike Pickerel Lake Fen Exact starting point to be provided.
Among the most rare wetland type in North America, fens rely on natural springs and require very specific conditions. Pickerel Lake Fen is biologically diverse and supports a number of rare or endangered species. Oak openings are being restored, an ecosystem characterized by large bur and white oaks with a prairie-like understory of grasses and wildflowers.

October (cont.)

Saturday 24

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November

Saturday 14

Wild Ones Watershed Educational Workshop

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