

Friday, July 5, 2024

Reptile Rendezvous at Ken Reid

Date and Time: Friday, July 5 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Address: 277 Kenrei Road

Join Landowner and Community Support, Ola Pasternak for an enlightening guided hike on turtles and snakes at Ken Reid Conservation Area. Discover the fascinating world of these reptiles and learn about their vital roles in the ecosystem. Ola will discuss turtle and snake conservation efforts and provide valuable tips on how to safely handle these creatures when you encounter them.

Explore the natural habitats of turtles and snakes while gaining a deeper understanding of their behaviors, needs, and the challenges they face. This hike is an excellent opportunity for nature enthusiasts of all ages to learn more about these often-misunderstood animals.

We will be meeting at the main parking lot by the dog park. The cost is \$10 per person plus tax.

Please dress appropriately for the weather, long pants and socks are recommended.

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Invasive Species Awareness: Guided Hike at Ken Reid

Date and Time: Thursday, July 18 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Address: 277 Kenrei Road

Join us for a guided hike at Ken Reid Conservation Area focusing on the identification features of invasive species. Led by Forestry and Landowner Services Technician Colleen Cathcart, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the invasive species present in the park and how to identify them.

During the hike, we'll discuss the impact of invasive species on native ecosystems and why it's important to manage and control their spread. Our guide will also highlight some interesting facts, including how some invasive species are edible, but caution against consuming anything found on the ground due to potential adverse reactions.

Colleen will also highlight that no harvesting is permitted within any Conservation Area without a permit and discuss when and how the permit process is necessary.

The cost for this informative experience is \$10 per person plus tax. We will be meeting at the Lakeview Parking Lot.

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Guided Hike at Windy Ridge Conservation Area

Date and Time: Tuesday, July 23 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: 998 Mount Horeb Road

Join Landowner and Community Support Ola Pasternak on an introductory exploration of Windy Ridge Conservation Area.

From open grassy areas, thick forests, and wonderful wetlands, learn about what makes Windy Ridge so special.

Along the way, you will learn about the Hogs Back Esker and how the last ice age helped form this incredible landscape. As you explore the area, you'll take in breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape, learn about the pollinator patches that were planted by local school groups, and the work we are doing to protect the endangered Butternut trees.

This is hilly terrain, so come prepared for a short steep climb (walking poles are encouraged).

Please dress appropriately for the weather. We will meet at the Windy Ridge Parking lot.

We will be meeting in the main parking lot. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

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