

LEGACY EVENTS

April–October 2018



Legacy Land Conservancy invites you to explore these free opportunities to learn more from our experts.

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Earth Day Workday at Beckwith Nature Preserve

Sunday, April 22 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Beckwith Nature Preserve, 2792 Morton Road (M-106), Stockbridge, MI

Parking information given with registration

Join Legacy for a stewardship workday at Beckwith Nature Preserve in honor of Earth Day. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring a water bottle. For more information or to register for this event email stewardship@legacylandconservancy.org or call 734-302-5263.



An Insiders' Look: Reichert Nature Preserve
Saturday, May 5, 10-12 p.m.

Reichert Nature Preserve, Dexter-Pinckney Rd, Pinckney, MI 48169
Parking information given with registration

Join Naturalist and Legacy Trustee Neal Billetdeaux for an informative guided hike of Reichert Nature Preserve. Due to the sensitive nature of some of the habitats in this 92-acre preserve north of Portage Lake, written permission is required to visit the preserve on your own, but registration for this event is all you'll need for access on May 5. Neal will share the preserve's geological history while pointing out the plants and landscapes that make Reichert so unique. Learn more online or register for this event at **info@legacylandconservancy.org** or call 734-302-5263.



Medicinal Plants Walk

Saturday, June 16, 1-3 p.m.

Location TBD

Stroll with Amanda Klain, a native plant advocate and plant connoisseur, through a Legacy preserve (location TBD) to discover plants used as medicine historically and today. Learn to properly identify some of these "herbal allies," hear a history of their use as medicine, and gain insight into why today's trained herbalists prize certain species. Expect to walk no more than two miles, with regular breaks for meeting and greeting our botanical companions. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring a water bottle. For more information or to register, email info@legacylandconservancy.org or call 734-302-5263.



Golden ragwort was used as an important treatment among the Native Americans and Eclectic medicine physicians for reproductive conditions.

Grassland Nesting Bird Hike

Saturday June 23, 9-11 a.m.

Watkins Lake State Park and Washtenaw County Preserve
1220 Wampplers Lake Rd, Onsted, MI 49265
Park at the main parking lot off of Arnold Road

Join ornithologist and Legacy volunteer Deaver Armstrong as she helps you identify the grassland birds of Watkins Lake during their nesting season. Grassland birds



Grasshopper Sparrows, which are declining in number, can be found at Watkins Lake.

observed at Watkins Lake include: Henslow's Sparrow (endangered in MI), Grasshopper Sparrow and Dickcissel (species of special concern, meaning they are rare or declining in number), Bobolink, and Northern Mockingbird. Grasslands are no longer a common habitat in our area and many birds depend on it, so Legacy is proud to have helped in protecting this land forever. For more information or to register, email info@legacylandconservancy.org or call 734-302-5263.



Henslow's Sparrows, considered endangered in Michigan, were found at Watkins Lake.



Courtesy of Michigan Department of Natural Resources

The invasive species Japanese stiltgrass was first discovered in Michigan in Scio Township.

Japanese Stiltgrass—The Michigan Invasion

Saturday, July 7 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Private residence in Scio Township

The first instance of Japanese stiltgrass in Michigan was found in Scio Township by a private resident in 2017. This is a quickly spreading herbaceous invasive. Help keep additional populations from cropping up by learning what to look for and how to eradicate it. Andrea and Jim Matthies have opened up their home as a classroom for residents and professionals alike to learn. Held in partnership with The Stewardship Network. Register for this event by July 6 at dana@legacylandconservancy.org or call 734-302-5263. Registration required for location address.

Oak Wilt Workshop

Friday, August 24, 2-4 p.m.

Location TBD

Oak wilt has been showing up more frequently in our area and most of us are just starting to learn how to deal with it. Come learn from experts how to identify and treat oak wilt and hear an update from local practitioners on their oak wilt projects. Held in conjunction with The Stewardship Network and Professional Stewards Hikes. Register by August 21 at stewardship@legacylandconservancy.org or call 734-302-5263.



Tree infected with oak wilt at our Reichert Nature Preserve.



Budding Naturalists: Hike and Play

Sunday, September 30, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lillie Park South Playground
4365 Platt Rd, Ann Arbor, MI

Join Legacy Land Steward Allene Smith for a guided children's hike (ages 3-7) on the trails in Lillie Park and Legacy's Lloyd and Mabel Johnson Nature Preserve. Kids will hike through woodland and around a buttonbush swamp on the Harlie Smith boardwalk. The hike will start and end at the Lillie Park South Playground. Hike is not stroller friendly. For more information or to register, email info@legacylandconservancy.org or call 734-302-5263.



Budding Naturalists: Leaf Peep

Sunday, October 7, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lillie Park South Playground
4365 Platt Rd, Ann Arbor, MI

Introduce your little ones (ages 2-7) to the joys of leaf peeping during this hike led by Legacy Land Steward Allene Smith. Families will hike from Lillie Park South to Legacy's Lloyd and Mabel Johnson Nature Preserve, collecting leaves along the way. The hike will start and end at the Lillie Park South Playground. Hike is not stroller friendly. For more information or to register, email info@legacylandconservancy.org or call 734-302-5263.

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