

# Fall 2009 Natural Area Preservation Volunteer Stewardship Calendar

## September

**September 4, Friday**  
**Photo Contest Pictures Due TODAY!!**  
**5:00 pm**

Winning photos will be printed in the Ann Arbor News, included in the NAP wall calendar for 2010, and may be used for future NAP educational and promotional materials. We also have prizes! Winners will be announced at the volunteer appreciation party on October 29th. Lots of fun guaranteed! For more information, including how to enter, to get an entry form, and detailed photo specifications, go to <http://www.a2gov.org/NAPphotocontest>, or email [nap@a2gov.org](mailto:nap@a2gov.org), or call 734.794.6627.



**September 8, Tuesday**  
**Steward's Circle**  
**Bruegger's Bagels - 709 N University Ave**  
**7:30 am to 8:30 am**

Are you interested in learning more about how to care for our natural areas - woods, creeks, prairies, wetlands? Then join the Stewardship Network's Huron Arbor cluster for an informal discussion on a monthly topic with volunteer and professional land stewards and others interested in nature. For more information and topics go to <http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org>.

This month's topic: "Trails run through many natural areas. How do we up-keep trails? What are the best ways to create and fix trails?"



**September 12, Saturday \***  
**Miller Nature Area Workday**  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

It's shrub-cutting season, and we need your help maintaining this large wooded natural area in the heart of the city, less than a mile from downtown and right on the AATA city bus route! Learn how to recognize the differences between native and non-native trees and shrubs and help us maintain the native species in this area. Meet us at the Arborview Blvd. entrance, just east of Wildwood Ave.

**September 12, Saturday \***  
**Hannah Nature Area Workday**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

This small wooded greenspace, located right near downtown, needs many hands this fall to help remove non-native shrubs! Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to participate. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and have fun with the whole family! Meet at the west end of Bath Street, west of 7th between Miller and Huron

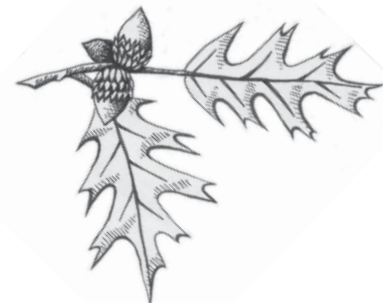
**Sept 13-Oct. 31st**  
**Get Out Challenge**

Join the "GET OUT" Challenge and Discover the natural world through your child's eyes with Natural Area Preservation, National Wildlife Federation, and the Leslie Science and Nature Center. Explore your city parks and your own backyard by completing 10 out of 15 possible adventure challenges by the end of October and earn a Get Out Patch. The Get Out Kickoff will begin a fantastic fall of family fun with outdoor investigation, scavenger hunts, and guided hikes on Sunday Sept 13th, 2-4pm. Throughout the month choose from a list of exciting programs offered (including NAP workdays and Appreciating Trees hike at Bird Hills) or adventures you can take on your own. Visit the Leslie Science and Nature Center website for more information and a complete list of possible activities [www.lesliesnc.org/getout](http://www.lesliesnc.org/getout).

**September 26, Saturday \***  
**Stewardship Planting Day!**  
**Miller Woods**  
**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Evergreen Park**  
**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Today is National Public Lands Day, let's plant trees! We will work on ecological restoration in these parks while being part of the nationwide effort to protect the environment. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy a picnic with the crew between sites. Meet us at the Arborview Blvd. Miller Woods entrance east of Wildwood Ave. at 10:00 am and at the Evergreen Park entrance at Valley Drive at 1:00 pm to join in the fun and lend a hand!

\*Please wear pants and closed-toe shoes to all workdays. Minors must be accompanied by a guardian or contact NAP in advance to obtain a release form. Snacks water and tools are provided.



**September 27, Sunday**  
**Furstenberg Native Garden Workday**  
**12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Join Park Steward and Master Gardener, Aunita Erskine, in taking care of this valuable native garden. You'll have plenty of opportunities to learn about gardening with natives, and help us keep this site looking top notch! Workday orientation starts promptly at 12:00 noon. A short nature walk will be held at the end of the workday, time permitting. Meet in the Furstenberg parking lot off Fuller Road, across from Huron High School.

# October

**October 3, Saturday \***  
**Dicken Woods Workday**  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Join the Friends of Dicken Woods this fall morning to help preserve this special woodland which borders Dicken Elementary School. Meet in the school parking lot off Runnymede to get started!



**October 10, Saturday \***  
**Greenview Nature Area Workday**  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

There is a lot to get done this fall! Join us for a fun morning spreading woodchips, clearing buckthorn, and collecting and dispersing native seeds! This is an opportunity for the whole family to enjoy the outdoors and lend a hand improving this special greenspace. Meet at the Greenview Park sign on Greenview Dr, across from Barnard Rd.

**October 10, Saturday \***  
**Wurster Park Workday**  
**12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

We need your help to remove invasive plants like buckthorn and honeysuckle in this multi-use parkland! Join us! Volunteers of all ages are encouraged. There are play structures, open fields and picnic tables available for recreating with your friends and family following the workday! Meet at the cul-de-sac of Edgewood Place off of W Davis Ave.

**October 13, Tuesday**  
**Steward's Circle**  
**Bruegger's Bagels - 709 N University Ave 7:30 am to 8:30 am**

This month's topic: "Factsheets & resources. What educational materials are out there? Which can we use? Bring your favorite and we'll share."  
See September listing for more info.

**October 13, Wednesday**  
**Prescribed Burn Public Meeting**  
**Leslie Science & Nature Center - 1831 Traver Road**  
**7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

Fire is used as a restoration tool in many of Ann Arbor's natural areas. This meeting provides information and an opportunity for discussion about the Prescribed Ecological Burn Program. This is the perfect opportunity to ask questions, learn more about the ecological benefits of burning, and hear about the specifics of effectively and safely using fire as a restoration tool. Burns are conducted in city parks throughout the spring and fall.

**October 17, Saturday \***

**Swift Run & Mary Beth Doyle Workday**  
**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

This is one of most fun and rewarding stewardship opportunities for people of all ages! You will learn how to identify native plants in the fall, collect and save the seeds, and then have the opportunity to disperse them in the afternoon! We will be collecting native seeds together in Swift Run and dispersing them at Mary Beth Doyle in areas where natives are much less established and where we hope to see many new sprouts growing next spring thanks to our efforts. Meet us at Eddy Street, off of Verle Avenue



**October 25, Sunday \***  
**Barton Nature Area Workday**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

If you have not helped with seed collection, here is your chance! Learn to identify native plants in the important seed-bearing stage of their growth cycle. This will be educational, and fun for the whole family. Snacks, expertise, and seed collection buckets provided. Join us! Meet at the Barton Dam parking lot on Huron River Drive.

**October 29, Thursday**  
**Volunteer Appreciation Potluck**  
**Cobblestone Farm - 2781 Packard Rd**  
**Starts at 7:00 pm**

All volunteers are invited to our annual appreciation event! Let's share good food, learn a little, and browse all the beautiful pictures from the photo contest. Awards will be presented for Volunteer of the Year, Photo Contest Winners, and the best costumes. After the presentations there will be live music and dancing to celebrate this year's harvest. Please bring a dish to pass, friends or family, and your own place settings. Costumes are encouraged. RSVPs requested- call us at 734.794.6627 or email us at [nap@a2gov.org](mailto:nap@a2gov.org).

# November

**November 1, Sunday \***  
**Huron Parkway Nature Area Workday**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

We have made great headway in this lovely nature area over the years controlling invasives and spreading native species. Help us continue that progress! We'll continue removing invasive shrubs near the parkway to extend the prairie. We'll meet at the Park Steward's house at 3470 Woodland Road, off East Huron River Drive.

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**November 10, Tuesday**  
**Steward's Circle**  
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**7:30 am to 8:30 am**

This month's topic: "Amphibians and Reptiles are Herps. What do herps do in the winter? How can we improve life for herps through our stewardship work?"  
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