

EMBARRAS VOLUNTEER STEWARDS CONSERVATION DAYS FOR FALL 2017

Our conservation work days are on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome and no prior experience is necessary. We do not have formal membership or dues. Just come as often as you like and help us do our small part to maintain the health of prairie remnants, prairie restorations and woodlands. Visit this page from time to time to get updates. To receive email notifications of updates and cancellations send your email address to Larry at thorsenhutton@gmail.com with a request to be added to the list.

We advise sturdy footwear and gloves at work days. Tools are provided but bring your own loppers and shovels if you have them.

September 9 - We will help Barb and Dave Hunter remove bush honeysuckle from their place overlooking Lake Charleston. As you come down the river hill on Route 16 from Charleston, turn into the steep driveway on the left before you get to the lake entrance.

September 16 - Lakeview Park for bush honeysuckle removal. Parking for Lakeview Park is at the end of McKinley Avenue in Charleston.

September 23 - Invasives removal at the Tolle property in Cumberland County. The address is 787 N. CR 900 E. From Charleston, take Route 130 south to Cumberland County Road 1200 N., turn right (west), and go 6 miles to CR 1200 E. (Burma Road), turn left (south) to Toledo, turn right (west) on Route 121, go 3 ½ miles to CR 900 E., turn right (north) and go 0.8 miles to the first house on the left.

September 30 - Embarras Ridges for invasives removal. Take Route 130 south from Charleston to Daileyville Road (CR 1470 N). Follow the road about one mile through the gate to the parking area on the right.

October 7 - Woodyard Conservation Area for invasives removal. Woodyard is 1.8 miles south of Route 16 on Route 130.

October 14 - Coneflower Hill Prairie for work on unwanted woodies. Take the Bruce-Findlay Road about 5 miles west from Coles Station, turn right at the electric substation, go 2 miles to the "T," turn left and go one mile to the parking area.

October 21 - Invasives removal at the Foster property in Cumberland County. Take Route 121 a short distance west from Toledo to the Crop Production Services parking area.

October 28 - Warbler Woods for invasives removal. Take Daileyville Road about one-half mile to the gate at the second left turn.

November 4 - Douglas-Hart Nature Center to help with fall chores. Douglas-Hart is at the corner of Lerna Road and DeWitt Avenue in Mattoon.

November 11 - Warbler Bottoms. This is another Grand Prairie Friends property along the Embarras River. Take Bypass Road opposite the Lake Charleston entrance, turn right on CR 550 N. and continue to the parking area.

November 18 - Lafferty Nature Center for bush honeysuckle removal. Lafferty is behind Carl Sandberg School on Reynolds Drive in Charleston.

December 2 - Walnut Point State Park for multiflora rose removal. Walnut Point is north of Oakland. Meet at the Pleasant Grove picnic area.