



Upcoming Activities

Please join us! Our walks last from an hour to 90 minutes and are held regardless of the weather, so please dress for conditions and often uneven ground.

Our walks are family friendly. Sorry, no dogs allowed. Questions? Contact us at HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org or via our Facebook page.

➤ "Baby, It's Cold Outside" Walk

SUNDAY, Jan. 26, Noon, Koppernick Section.

Parking at Koppernick entrance, Koppernick Road, west of Hix Road, south of Joy Road
Quiet walk through big trees and over a creek. We'll check out Phil's bridge repair (see accompanying article) and perhaps cut some invasive plants. Good area to spot deer.

➤ "Darn, It's Still Winter" Walk

Sat., Feb. 15, NOON, Cowan Section

Parking at Cowan entrance, Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Rd.
Escape into the forest for a walk along Tonquish Creek. Some ups and downs so boots with some treads are a good idea. That said, it's a easy and scenic trail.

➤ HNPA General Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Bennett Civic Center Library

Michigan Room

32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia at Farmington Road.

Review of 2019, draft plans for 2020 including Rouge Rescue.

➤ "Gee, I Miss Winter Already" Walk

Sat., March 21, NOON, Koppernick Section

Parking at Koppernick entrance, Koppernick Road, west of Hix Road, south of Joy Road
Returning for walk on different loop trail. Check out recovery of burn area.

A Look Back at our Fall Walks



Top left: Nice Fall walk in Koppernick. Great color and a nice turnout. Plus, finally, no mosquitoes.

Top and bottom right: This Fall walk took us to the seldom-used Newburgh section. However, The crunching leaves were under 5 inches of early snow! We walked across capped Nankin dumpsite and looked at marker that serves as a reminder of what's underground.

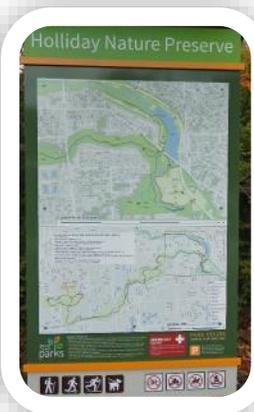
For those unfamiliar with the site, it was once used as a dump by industries for their solid and liquid waste disposal. This was back before the area was densely populated and before regulations were in place concerning disposal. The area was cleaned and capped as part of the EPA Superfund project and while an active site does not pose any current hazards, according to the EPA.

Bottom left: NO snow in December! Our Winter walk in Cowan was a comfortable 38F and leaves were quite visible (as opposed to our previous walk).

In and Around Holliday



The Ellsworth Boardwalk - Project (left) did not get completed before winter arrived. The site is fenced off, which closes that entrance to Preserve. For that reason no Winter walks are scheduled on the Ellsworth Trail. On the plus side, a new sign for the Ellsworth entrance (right) has been installed.



New signage is being installed in various locations. This map is at the upgraded Ellsworth entrance.



This fall photo is colorful with all the red shrubs. Unfortunately, it's of a dense patch of Burning Bush. While attractive in yards, this plant will dominate this area, displacing the native plants. Invasive plants are becoming an increasing problem in the Preserve. Extra efforts are necessary to keep forest and floodplain as native a possible. We will discuss possible projects at our 2020 General Meeting.

Where was this taken?



The photo below was taken somewhere in the Cowan section. Do you know where? C'mon out to the walk Feb. 15. If you are among the first two to identify the site, either immediately before or on the walk (we'll pass by the spot), you will receive a one-year extension on your membership and have your name mentioned in the next newsletter.



Trees toppled onto the bridge on Deer Creek in Koppernick. Our one-man maintenance crew (Phil Crookshank) cut up the trees, hauled them away and repaired bridge and boardwalk. Your support paid for the parts. Thanks Phil.



An illegal camp site in Newburgh section was observed during our November walk and reported to Wayne County Parks. It is important to address these camps. Not only are they collecting trash and harming habitat, they are unhealthy and unsafe for occupants and scare visitors to the Preserve.

HNPA's Mission

Holliday Nature Preserve Association (HNPA) is a group of volunteers dedicated to the William P. Holliday Forest & Wildlife Preserve in Westland, Livonia and Canton. The Preserve consists of 500-plus acres of forests and wetlands that run along tributaries of the Rouge River.

The HNPA seeks to nurture a greater appreciation of this unique natural resource by hosting walks, conducting maintenance improvement projects in conjunction with Wayne County Parks and promoting the importance of the Preserve in improving the quality of life in Western Wayne County communities. Our activities are free. Find out more at hnpa.org or on our *Facebook page*.

The Preserve offered in 1964 thanks to Arthur J. Richardson who provided \$1.445 million (worth nearly \$13 million today) in 1958 to create a new county park that would be named after William P. Holliday, an uncle and mentor of Mr. Richardson.



Thanks to our Supporters

The following people joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations this summer. We thank them and appreciate the continuing support they and our other members give along with the trust they put in us. We will use the funds for the overall benefit of the Preserve.

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Membership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only \$5 per year (Jan. 1—Dec. 31). Your support makes it possible

to distribute our newsletters, host a website, support Rouge Rescue, offer walks, educate the community and promote the Preserve.

Any additional funds over and above are used to benefit the Preserve. You may also earmark additional funds to extend your membership.

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