



## Holliday's Vernal Pools

In March, DNR Zoologist Daria Hyde set up a workshop for local teachers so they could teach students about the importance of vernal pools and the life they contain. Wayne County Parks provided the meeting place and the Preserve provided the pools.

HNPA President Bill Craig met with Daria, Yu Man Lee, a herpetologist, and Dan Earl with AmeriCorps. Matt Noble-Richardson, Parks Naturalist, assisted at the workshop with Bill at the Preserve.

On May 18, Holly Hereau, a Redford High School teacher who had attended the workshop, brought a bus load of students to Koppernick. Matt and Bill were on hand to assist. Students were assigned to survey the pools, collect samples, and identify the creatures in those pools.

They were amazed by the variety of life they saw through their microscopes. Most of the students had never held a Wood frog in their hands before. This project is another example of how important the Preserve is, as an educational setting. It is good to get students OUTDOORS to learn.



*A deer looking for a cool drink in Tonquish Creek is surprised to see he is not alone. HNPA President Bill Craig snapped the photo this summer during the dry spell that lowered water levels.*

## Upcoming Walks

Three guided walks are scheduled this fall and we hope you will join us. The pace is leisurely and the atmosphere informal. Our walks last about 90 minutes and are held regardless of the

weather, so dress accordingly. All our walks are family friendly and kids are welcome. Sorry, no dogs allowed on walks.

Questions? Contact us at [HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org](mailto:HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org).

### ➤ **Big Trees, Colorful Leaves**

Saturday, Oct. 20, noon, Koppernick entrance (Koppernick Rd., west of Hix Rd., between Warren and Joy Rd)  
Early fall walk should offer some nice color as we walk among some Preserve giants.

### ➤ **Crunching Color**

Saturday, Nov. 17, noon, Cowan entrance (Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road)

A bit of fall color in the trees and plenty on the trails. We'll also check out some new trail post/signs.

### ➤ **Trail Changes**

Saturday, Dec. 15, noon, Ellsworth entrance (Park at Nankin Mill lot off Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail)  
Discuss changes to the trails that have occurred over time and changes to the Preserve as it gets ready for Winter.

## 30th Anniversary Celebration



**R**ain was forecast for 30th Anniversary Walk and Picnic scheduled for June 9, so we hastily rescheduled events for the next day. However, we still had walkers show so the "show" went on and we



had a nice walk in the rain.

Sunday started rainy, but stopped in time for our picnic at the home of Bill Craig, our longtime president. Everyone ate well and enjoyed a great event. Among those attending was Jack Smiley, our founder.

Members brought some



great food to share and there were hot dogs for all. We had a special 30th Anniversary cake thanks to Joan Gebhardt.

One special highlight of the event was when each person shared special memories of the Preserve. The great people they had met throughout the years figured prominently in the stories.

Thanks to all you great people for 30 years and for keeping this effort alive.

## Spring Activities Review



*In early April, Wayne County Parks asked Bill to meet them at Wayne Road bridge, to discuss problems occurring near the bridge. Bill Craig and Phil Crookshank volunteered to cut away vegetation to open the area. That helped, but more work is needed.*



*April 15 Walk in Newburgh had four people in the rain as ice formed on the trees.*



*April 28 Walk in Cowan section had walkers looking for early wildflowers.*



*April 22 Earth Day workday in Newburgh section had six people cut vines smothering our Red maples planted many years ago on an earlier Earth day. Long time member Brandon Scott (center) came in from East Lansing to assist.*

# 2018 Rouge Rescue Review



By Bill Craig, HNPA President

It's Saturday morning, May 19. I walk to my car in the RAIN that is already loaded for Rouge Rescue 2018. It has the map, table, canopy, gloves, information, soap, water, first aid kit and more. People are waiting in the RAIN when I get there.

First thing we do is to set up the canopy in the RAIN. We get it set up. RAIN stops. No one complains.

This year, we focused on three large log jams. Phil took the winch downstream to pull out logs clogging the



creek. I joined a crew working upstream of Hix Road also removing a log jam. Other volunteers worked very hard cutting invasive honeysuckle that threatens to overtake the Preserve.

Our small Rouge Rescue work force did a huge amount of heavy work in



four hours: Results included collecting 14 bags of trash from the creek and clearing three log jams that were impeding the water flow.

We stopped working in the early afternoon, all but Milton who kept cutting large honeysuckle bushes until he was satisfied with the results. We all were. At 1:30 p.m. we took down the canopy and it again started to RAIN.

Thank you to the hard working volunteers, Friends of the Rouge and City of Westland. A job well done. Again.



 Make sure to visit us on Facebook. Go to @hollidaynature to find us. More than 500 people already have!

# HNPA's Mission

**H**olliday 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.

HNPA seeks to nurture a greater

appreciation of this unique natural resource by hosting walks, conducting projects with Wayne County Parks and promoting the importance of the Preserve in improving the quality of life in Western Wayne County. Our activities are free and open to everyone. Learn more at [hnpa.org](http://hnpa.org) or visit (and keep up with us) on Facebook.



## Thanks to our Supporters

**T**he 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.

**Nancy Bailey**  
**Carol & Howard Behr**  
**Kathleen & Michael Best**  
**Ann & Timothy Ivory**  
**Pamala & Lee Larson**

**Jane Owens**  
**Vera & Sever Pederson**  
**Suzanne Pudelek**  
**Susan Smith**  
**Carol Sullivan**

## Partner with HNPA!

**M**embership 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 any extra donation to extend your membership.

**New memberships are effective thru Dec. 2019.**

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