



Upcoming Activities



➤ Spring Wildflowers Walk

Sat., April 17, 11 a.m. Cowan Section. Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road. Let's look for those first native wildflowers that bring bright colors to the forest. Phil leads this walk.

➤ Earth Day Walk & Work Project

Sat., April 24, 10 a.m. Newburgh Section. Park at entrance on east side Newburgh Road, north of Warren Road. Celebrate

Earth Day 2021. Take a short walk into the forest section to find wildflowers, then those who would like to do a bit of work can stay to cut honeysuckle and clean the field.

➤ Rookery Walk

Sat., May 8, 10 a.m. Hix Park Section. Hix Park on west side Hix Road, north of Warren Road. We will take one of the trails that lead into Koppernick section, to check out the rookery of noisy White Egrets and Great Blue Herons, as well as seeing other nature stuff. Phil leads this walk.



➤ Rouge Rescue 2021

Sat., May 15, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Hix Park Section. Hix Park on west side Hix Road, north of Warren Road. See article on Page 2 for details.



➤ Rouge Rescue 2021 Rain Day or Rouge Rescue Part 2

Sat., May 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Hix Park Section. Hix Park on west side Hix Road, north of Warren Road. Either a rain day make up for Rouge Rescue or complete our work.

➤ Slow and Simple Walk

Sat., May 29, 10 a.m. Ellsworth Section. Park at Nankin Mills, Hines Dr., east of Ann Arbor Trail. Walking the loop by going in at Ann Arbor Trail, and coming out at new boardwalk.

➤ Something Different/Reverse Walk

Sat., June 12, 10 a.m. Cowan Section. Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road. We will visit the Newburgh section via a different route that crosses the old Nankin Dumpsite. (A "reverse" Newburgh Section walk.) Phil leads this walk.

Note: Our walks last 90 minutes or so. Other event lengths vary, but just stay as long as you can. Check our Facebook page for updates since events subject to change. All events are family friendly. Sorry, no dogs allowed. Questions? Contact us at HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org or via our Facebook page.

HNPA is following CDC guidelines on mask use and social distancing on walks. Event leaders will have masks should you need one.

Readying for Rouge Rescue 2021

Deciding what to do for Rouge Rescue 2021 was easy: We are going to do the same thing we have done for the last three years, and do it at the same place: Hix Park.

Fallen trees in Tonquish Creek upstream of Hix Road in the Preserve and adjacent to Hix Park continue to build up, so the log jam in that stretch never stays open for long. So, once again, we will return with chain saws, ropes, a winch and trash bags to clean and reopen the river

Because one day of hard work does not get all the jobs done, we will have two

Rouge Rescues this year: May 15 and May 22.

May 22 was to be a “rain day,” but we decided to work site both days. **Please come for one or both days.** We could really use you. Adults and kids are welcome.

Plan on wearing clothes that will be wet and dirty, long pants, long sleeved shirts, and boots. Choose your work.

- ◆ We need people in the creek to pull wood out. We also need people out of the creek to grab that wood and stack it.
- ◆ We need people to cut

and stack invasive honeysuckle shrubs.

- ◆ We need people to collect trash.

Because of COVID, we ask that you please wear a mask, at least when you are close to people not in your household. We will have supply of extra masks. It’s best to bring your own water and snacks, since that reduces contact. That said, we will have gloves, a cleanup station and first aid supplies at the registration table.

We have everything we need in the way of supplies. All we need is you! Well, you and some sunshine and dry weather.

Rouge Rescues From the Past



2006



2007



2008



Year unknown



2011



2010

A Look Back at Our Winter Walks



Jan.23-It was cold but clear with just a touch of snow as we checked out a renovated bridge, some of the work done last fall and just walked and enjoyed nature.



Feb. 20-Bill was only one who came prepared for "forest bathing", with his soap, towel and scrub brush and the book, "Shinrin-Yoku: The Japanese Art and Science of Forest Bathing"-or how spending time in the forest can help you find health and happiness and a sense of calm. We all walked away feeling better.



Jan.30-A hardy group braved the cold to cool off their "cabin fever" and enjoy the sunshine.



March 20-First day of Spring took group past a rookery, which already had some egrets in nests. No wildflowers were up, but we did see a mourning cloak butterfly, which is a sure sign of Spring.



Sadly, there wasn't just nature we found this winter. HNPA volunteers also cleaned up the remains of an illegal encampment in the Preserve.

Who We Are. What We Do.



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

Thanks to our Supporters



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