



Upcoming Activities



➤ Fall Color Walk

Sat., Oct. 23, 11 a.m. Cowan Section. Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road. We'll enjoy the red, yellow and orange leaves before they all turn various shades of brown. We'll also keep our eyes open out for birds and other wildlife as they prep for winter.

➤ Crunching Leaves Walk

Sat., Nov. 20, Noon. Koppernick Section. Koppernick Road, south of Joy Road, west of Warren Road. We'll take one of the loop trails and walk across a mixed layer of fallen leaves from the oaks, tulips, beech, maples and other trees that fill this urban forest.

➤ Calm Before Shopping Walk

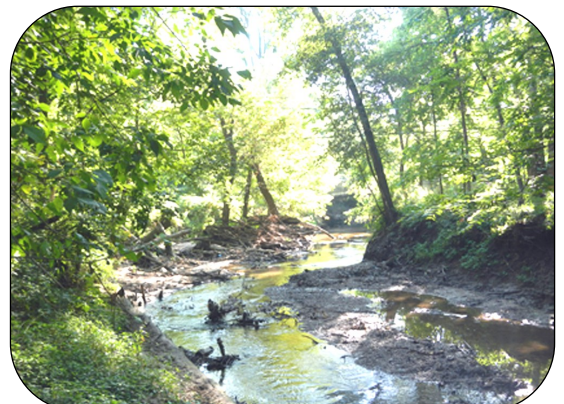
Sat., Dec. 18, Noon. Ellsworth Section. Park at Nankin Mill, Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. This walk includes some up and down sections as we cross over three bridges. This forest is close to plenty of shopping, so escape into trees for some fresh air, before (or after) head out with your Christmas gift list to fight the crowds.

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.



Thanks to our volunteers who labored over two Saturdays, we again had a successful Rouge Rescue. Among the many projects was the clearing of a massive log jam. More info inside.



Rouge Rescue 2021

Two pages of Rouge Rescue photos can be found in the insert!

Our Rouge Rescues, yes plural, since we had two, both went very well. It was so very nice that it did not rain before the event or on our events.

Rouge Rescue #1

Phil Crookshank was first person to arrive, on a sunny May 15. The second person to arrive was Mayor William Wild, City of Westland. He offered any assistance we required. In short time, volunteers were registering and dashing off to their chosen tasks.

Phil, of course, set up the winch and starting hauling out big logs. A team jumped

into the creek to assist. Another team started grabbing the wood handed to them, and began building a big pile of logs on floodplain. Some people started pulling invasive garlic mustard, some cut and stacked honeysuckle shrubs, others collected trash and some focused on a pile of dumped building supplies.

Five hours later we stopped, deciding to save something for the next Saturday.

Rouge Rescue #2

May 22 was another sunny day. Some volunteers were coming for a second time. More work was done on the same tasks. After another five hours, the log jam was clean and wide open.

We had two huge piles of wood on both sides of the creek. We had many stacks of honeysuckle across the floodplain. The bags of trash, bags of garlic mustard, tires and building supplies were gathered for removal. (NOTE: all removed next day, thanks Mayor Wild.)

Summary

A big “Thank You” to all the hard working volunteers who helped Friends of the Rouge and Holliday Nature Preserve Association maintain a better Hix Creek, Holliday Preserve, Hix Park and Rouge River watershed.

NOTE: Big flood events in June and July moved some of our wood, but the creek remains OPEN!

Preserve News & Updates

- ◆ Thanks to Mike P. and his friend for removing a big load of road salt that was dumped at the Koppernick entrance. Mike and his friend also cut heavy growth of bittersweet choking Sassafras trees.
- ◆ Phil C. and Jim F. were not satisfied with two Rouge Rescues, so they worked on more jams in creek.
- ◆ Gypsy moths ate a big area in Koppernick.

Although it may look bad, the trees are resilient and the leaves grew back.

- ◆ An illegal camp site was cleared—again.
- ◆ Two heavy rainfalls turned the floodplain into a lake, and changed the arrangement of many logjams.
- ◆ Phil C. took extra effort pruning redbud trees in the Newburgh area. (Photo at right.)

Check our Facebook page for other happenings and Preserve updates.



A Look Back at Our Spring Walks



May 8: Parking in Hix Park a large group took long, slow walk to see the Egret rookery. Hard to find unless birds noisy on nests.



April 24: Our Earth Day walkers first looked for wildflowers, then several stayed to do some work in overgrown Newburgh field.

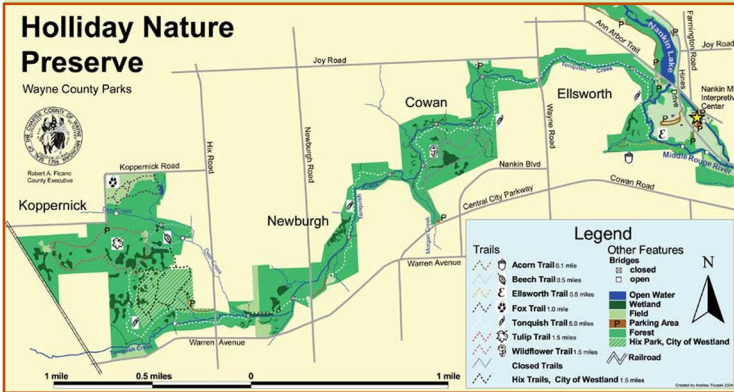


April 17: Phil lead walk in Cowan to look for early Spring wildflowers. Nice to see a fair assortment, plus a garter snake, snapping turtle and deer.



May 29: Ellsworth loop walk was last event without MOSQUITOES. Mosquitoes gladly welcomed all Holliday Preserve visitors during the summer but will be GONE during our fall and winter walks.

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



The following joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations. We thank you all and appreciate the continuing support and the trust you put in us. We use all funds for the benefit of the Preserve.

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Membership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only \$5 per calendar year. **Donations made now are valid through 2022.** Your

support makes it possible to mail our newsletters, host a website, support Rouge Rescue, offer walks, educate the community and promote the Preserve.

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

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