



Upcoming Activities

Please join in! Our walks last 90 minutes or so. Activity lengths vary but stay as long as you can. Make sure you check our Facebook page for updates since events are subject to change.

All events are family friendly. Sorry, no dogs allowed at walks. Because trails can be muddy and/or slippery, boots or sturdy shoes are suggested. Questions? Contact us at HollidayAssociation@hnpa.org or via our Facebook page.



◆ **Early Spring Walk Sat., April 12, 10 a.m.**

Cowan entrance, Central City Parkway, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road.

Looped trail along Tonquish Creek. This is the last walk in this section before construction begins.

◆ **Early Wildflower Walk Sat., April 19, 10 a.m.**

Kopernick entrance, west of Hix Road, south of Joy Road. Wildflowers, rookery activity and wildlife in silent forest.

◆ **Earth Day/Arbor Day Work Day Sat., April 26, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.**

Newburgh entrance, east of Newburgh Road, just north of Warren Road. This is likely to be a muddy walk on the floodplain with some slippery (ice or mud) up and downs.

◆ **Spring Walk Sat., May 10, 9 a.m.**

Ellsworth entrance parking at Nankin Mill on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. We will take loop trail across the floodplain. Last walk in this section before construction begins.

◆ **Tonquish Creek Rescue Sat., May 24, 8:30 a.m. registration**

Hix Park entrance, west of Hix Road, just north of Warren Road. Creek and land work.

Wear old clothes. Tasks: trash removal, moving wood, and cutting invasive plants.

Tools, gloves, snacks and drinks provide. This work is done in conjunction with Friends of the Rouge.

◆ **Summer Work Day Sat., June 21, 9 a.m.**

Foxland section. Parking at Kopernick Road entrance, west of Hix Road, south of Joy Road.

Cutting invasive plants degrading area. Loppers, gloves, snacks and drinks provided.

◆ **Bi-annual HNPA Membership Meeting Sat., July 12, 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.**

Bennett Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Opportunity to discuss issues concerning the Preserve. Board elections, visual presentation and updates on grant work in Preserve. Good time to meet fellow members—and eat donuts.

Preserve Updates

Hix Park Parking Lot

Bill Craig and Jack Smiley were invited to meet with Kyle Mulligan, Westland Parks Director, to discuss proposed changes to the parking lot at Hix Park. The city has a plan to close off the current parking lot, with a gate. A new parking lot would be constructed along the south side of entrance drive. The front gate would be removed.

Mr. Mulligan is considering recreation ideas for old parking area. The forested area will remain a place to enjoy nature. This new parking lot could serve people wishing to use the Holliday Nature Preserve.

Campsite Reported

HNPA reported a camp to Wayne County Parks. Sadly, HNPA routinely makes these reports. (Camping or staying in the Preserve overnight is and always has been illegal.)

What was discovered at this site was deeply disturbing. Not only was there a great deal of trash, there was a great number of cat food cans. But, instead of cats, this site had rats. Wayne

County Parks quickly responded.

Bill led Deputy Parks Director, David Cartwright, and his team to the hard-to-find location. Seeing was believing, so Parks will take immediate action. It is likely a hazardous materials contractor will be required to clean this site.

Grant Work to Begin Soon

At the time of this writing, the MI Dept. of Environment, Great lakes, and Energy will not be holding a public hearing on the Wayne County Parks permit application for work in the Preserve.

Several changes were made in the application, and many concerns and questions were addressed by the applicant. HNPA was greatly relieved to know that the proposed bridge over Morgan Creek was taken out of application. WC Parks is still in permitting stage. A tentative schedule has work starting in Ellsworth and Cowan in June.

Wayne Road Bridge Work

Contractors are making quick work demolishing the Wayne Road bridge over Tonquish Creek.



This work will disconnect the Preserve for many months. WC Parks is developing plans to re-establish connectivity of the Tonquish Trail, for travel between Ellsworth and Cowan sections of Preserve.

WC Parks Seeking New Director

Wayne County Parks is currently in search of a new Parks Director since the sudden resignation of Alicia Bradford this past winter.

Luckily, Parks has a leadership team in place and so work on the Preserve continues unabated. While we have a good relationship with existing staff and appreciate their support, we look forward to meeting the new director and establishing a good working relationship once that individual is named .

A Look Back at Recent Activities



March 24: Walk in Ellsworth



Feb. 24: Walk in Koppernick



Jan. 26: Walk in Cowan



Who We Are and 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 at hnpa.org or on our *Facebook* page.

Thanks to our Supporters



The following people joined HNPA, renewed their memberships or made donations. We thank them and appreciate the continuing support and the trust they (and you) put in us. We use the funds we receive for the benefit of the Preserve.

**Nancy & Paul Bailey
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(In Memory of Phil
Crookshank)**

Become one of our Supporters

Membership in the Holliday Nature Preserve Association is only \$5 per calendar year. In 2025, we again ask for your support.

Your \$5 donation (or more) makes it possible to mail our newsletter; host a website; offer walks; purchase items for work projects; educate the community; and promote

the Preserve.

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

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